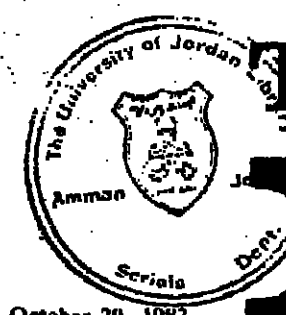


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Gov't-bank plan to halt share panic

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury, the commercial banks and the Bank of Israel have decided to start a massive campaign to convince the public not to sell the bank shares in its possession during the first days of trade.

The Treasury and the Bank of Israel are understood to be considering postponing the scheduled reopening of trade in bank shares, possibly even until after the municipal elections next Tuesday.

One of the reasons cited by government officials for the possible delay was that the public needs time to study the details of the agreement between the banks and the government on the value of bank shares before making any decision.

The agreement has come in for

some sharp criticism from several noted economists, including Hebrew University rector Prof. Dan Patinkin.

Although the main body of the agreement has already been hammered out, yesterday there appeared to be some final points that needed settling before the agreement could be signed.

Under the terms of the agreement, the banks have pledged to buy, at the end of five years, all shares offered by the public. They will pay, with a government guarantee, the shekel equivalent of \$104 for every \$100 worth of shares calculated at the rate of exchange existing October 6, that is, 1S65.2.

The agreement offers holders of bank shares an alternative, if they are willing to convert their shares into saving schemes. The banks will

Orgad planning cut in standard of living

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Newly appointed Minister of Finance Yigal Cohen-Orgad spelled out his recipe for economic recovery yesterday, calling for a reduction in the standard of living, higher consumer goods prices and more efficient tax collection.

Speaking in the Knesset in response to three no-confidence motions, Cohen-Orgad stressed that in attaining these goals everything would be done to avoid hurting the poor.

If this is accomplished, he said, the balance of payments deficit would drop from around \$5.5 million to around \$2.5m. "And it can be done," he declared.

Cohen-Orgad endorsed the economic policy enunciated in the Knesset last week by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

In order to ensure sufficient resources for increasing exports, the government will have to cut budgets and curtail public and private consumption, while distributing the resulting burden fairly and giving preference to economic growth, Cohen-Orgad said.

Ya'acobi said that since January 1981 prices had risen by 900 per cent, the number of workers in industry and agriculture had declined while that in public services had risen by 34,000, the state's external debt had doubled, and unemployment in development towns had grown to three times that of the national average.

It was the Knesset's duty to vote for its own dissolution and go to the people, Ya'acobi said.

Meir Wilner (Democratic Front) likewise called for early elections, specifying January 1984 as the desirable time. Begin has gone, but "Beginism" remains, in even sharper form, under Shamir. The Shamir government was more hawkish than its predecessor, more anti-labour, more dangerous to peace, democracy, and to economic and social affairs, he said.

Levy urges investors: Keep cool, don't panic

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Deputy Prime Minister David Levy yesterday voiced a fervent appeal to the public to keep its cool when the Stock Exchange opens next week and urged it, in its own interest, not to engage in panic selling of bank shares.

Addressing an emergency meeting of the Daily Newspapers Editors' Committee, Levy reiterated that all possible precautions had been taken by the government and by the banks to protect the interests of the individual investor and to safeguard his assets, provided there is no run on the Stock Exchange.

He stressed that this was a matter of vital importance to the country as a whole, warning that a collapse of the Stock Exchange and of the banking system, through panic sell-



Some 500 activists from Jerusalem's poorer neighbourhoods demonstrate in the city centre last night. The group, which later marched on to the Knesset, called on the government to provide cheaper food and more help for the disadvantaged instead of spending money on West Bank settlements and the Lebanon war. (See story Page 2) (Rahamim Israeli)

The new minister was replying to three no-confidence motions, eventually defeated by a vote of 61-54.

Cohen-Orgad, who spoke for only 14 minutes, said that the House surely did not expect him, six hours and 25 minutes after he began his first day in office, "to come with a comprehensive and detailed programme."

He said he had already invited both Histadrut secretary-general Yeroham Meshel and Manufacturers Association chairman Eli Hurvitz to organize delegations of their respective groups to meet with him.

The object of these talks, said Cohen-Orgad, would be "to ensure employment for everyone who wants to work."

Cohen-Orgad said that one of his goals is to increase annual exports by 15 per cent. (They now amount to \$11 billion, of which \$6b. is value added.) But he said the more difficult goal was to reduce imports (now \$16b., including payments by Israeli tourists abroad) by 5 per cent.

The policy was based on fair taxation, reducing subsidies to a reasonable level, and intensifying tax collection. Everything would be done to avoid hurting the poor, the minister promised.

On the crisis in bank shares, Cohen-Orgad said that the manipulation of the prices had been begun back in 1972 "with the consent by silence of successive Israeli governments."

"This government is capable of undertaking the joint effort required," Cohen-Orgad concluded, "and I therefore call on you to express your confidence in it."

Gad Ya'acobi, who presented the Alignment motion, attributed the present economic crisis to "the government's adventurous conceptions, which fails to distinguish between illusion and reality, between truth and falsehood."

Since this was a government of continuity, he maintained, there was no justification for granting it any "days of grace." To do so would only make more difficult the task of rehabilitating the economy.

Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui) attacked the government's agreement to guarantee the bank shares purchased by the banks themselves in order to manipulate their prices, without even limiting this guarantee to a given amount or up to a given date. He doubted whether the agreement could stand up in court.

Yigal Hurvitz (Ind.), speaking in the debate, proposed that persons who had bought bank shares within the past six months be compensated "to the full value of their money," while other investors should receive 5 per cent interest on top of the linked value of their investment.

He said he "believed and hoped" that Cohen-Orgad's appointment heralded a change. But if his fellow ministers failed to support him, another no-confidence motion would be in order.

2 Border Police killed in Sidon ambush buried

Jerusalem Post Staff

Funerals were held yesterday for the two Border Police killed in a terrorist attack on Tuesday evening in the centre of Sidon. Israel Defence Forces were searching the area where the two were ambushed.

Large numbers of people attended the funeral yesterday afternoon of Rav-Shomer Meir Cohen, 20, of Moshav Goren, who was buried in the military cemetery in Nahariya not far from the graves of some members of his unit who were killed in the collapse last year of the Israel Defence Forces headquarters building in Sidon. Thirty-two members of his unit were killed in that disaster.

Cohen was eulogized by Interior Minister Yosef Burg and by Ya'acov Ya'acov, head of the Ma'aleh Yosef regional council.

Cohen, an outstanding soldier, was scheduled to be discharged in four months. His commanders noted that he devoted much of his free time during this last year to the families of members of his unit who were killed in last year's Sidon disaster. Cohen had gone on leave a few hours before the building's collapse and escaped death then.

Samal Shalom Smalshvili, 20 of Kiryat Ata, was buried in a full military ceremony in Kiryat Ata. Smalshvili had served in the Border Police since April.

The two Border Police were killed, when their patrol was ambushed about 150 metres from Sidon's central square. Hand

Armour man to become O/C Central Command

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Defence Forces will implement this afternoon the second stage of appointing new heads for its regional commands, when Tat-Aluf Amnon Shahak will take over from O/C Central Command Aluf Uri Orr.

Shahak, who is better known by his former name Lipkin, will be promoted to the rank of aluf, the IDF spokesman announced yesterday.

The first step in the reshuffle was taken on October 7 when Aluf Moshe Bar-Kochba became O/C Southern Command replacing Aluf Haim Erez who is slated to head the Quartermaster Branch at General Headquarters.

Orr is leaving as O/C Central Command just two weeks before completing two years in the post. His next post is classified information.

Meanwhile, Orr has been visiting his units in the Jordan Valley and elsewhere to bid them farewell. He has also visited troops in Lebanon.

Shahak had won two OZ medals (the second highest decoration for valor). He received one medal for heroism during the battle in Kurame, Jordan, in 1968. Details about the other are secret.

Shahak was born in Tel Aviv in 1944. He started his career in the paratroopers. During the Six Day War he commanded a paratroop



New O/C Central Command Amnon Shahak (Lipkin) (IDF)

Thieves get away with Sadan's safe

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — Burglars broke into the home of Finance Ministry Director-General Ezra Sadan yesterday, stealing the safe which contained more than 5,000 dollars in travellers cheques, 100 dollars cash, a pistol, jewelry and personal documents.

The Sadan home, located in a village near Rehovot, was empty yesterday morning when the burglars came. Neighbours told the police later that they had seen a car drive up to the house and drive away again later.

Sadan immediately cancelled the travellers cheques. The jewelry was of mainly sentimental value and the documents have nothing to do with Sadan's work in the Interior Ministry, it was learned.

Shultz calls in Rosenne for review

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Amid growing indications that the U.S. wants to strengthen strategic cooperation with Israel, Secretary of State George Shultz last night invited Ambassador Meir Rosenne to the State Department to review the situation in the Middle East.

The meeting followed Tuesday's National Security Council session which focused on Lebanon, the planned establishment of a Jordanian mobile strike-force and the Iran-Iraq war.

Histadrut promises cooperative approach

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut yesterday expressed readiness to cooperate with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to put the economy back on track.

Histadrut's Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel indicated this yesterday, saying he believed the labour federation would join in forming a "defined arrangement to rehabilitate the economy" and stop the socio-economic deterioration.

But there were some conditions attached. The arrangements should include "other economic factors too," he said in an obvious reference to the private sector.

It was also clear the Histadrut would not agree to any cuts in the Cost-of-Living allowance that compensates workers for 80 to 85 per cent of the price rises. "We won't let (them) touch the C-o-L allowance," the head of the trade union department, Israel Kessar, said in an interview yesterday.

Some Histadrut sources reportedly feared that Cohen-Orgad would try to cut inflation by causing an economic slowdown and with some unemployment. Possibly in reaction, Meshel said yesterday the dialogue with the government should be held on the basis of preserving employment, continued growth and a just distribution of the economic burden.

There was nevertheless a clearly discernable cautious attitude towards the new minister. This was partly because Histadrut central committee members realized confrontations could not be avoided. "We're not going to have an easy life," central committee member Gideon Saguy told *The Jerusalem Post*. He said a policy of restraint was in store "and that will no doubt cause tension."

But whether there will be clashes with the Histadrut will probably depend on whether it feels Cohen-Orgad is leaning too heavily on employees.

Some well-placed Histadrut sources said there may be a difference between views he had expressed on various occasions as a member of the Knesset Finance Committee and the policy he will pursue now that he will have to formulate an overall policy.

Some sources noted Cohen-Orgad had started off by appealing for Histadrut cooperation. "All these years there had never been an appeal by (former finance minister Yoram) Aridor," one senior official said. "One of the problems with Aridor was that it was very difficult to communicate with him," the source added.

Lebanon unity talks postponed

BEIRUT. — The Lebanese government yesterday postponed the first meeting of a national reconciliation conference scheduled for today after almost half the politicians invited refused to meet at Beirut Airport.

State-run Beirut radio said that according to an official announcement the conference would meet at an unspecified later date.

A source at the presidential palace said President Amin Gemayel called off today's meeting after the opposition rejected his choice of site. The source said efforts were underway to set a new date and site, with the likely choices the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah or Geneva, Switzerland.

Druse leader Walid Jumblatt became the second opposition figure formally to reject Gemayel's choice of the airport, where the U.S. Marines are stationed, as a site for the reconciliation talks.

"I will not accept the airport because I think that it is not a safe place... neither for Amin Gemayel, nor for us," Jumblatt told reporters at his home in Moukhtara, in Lebanon's central mountains.

Jumblatt said he would attend the conference as scheduled today if the setting was changed, repeating his suggestions that the meeting be held in Tunis, on a ship off the Lebanese coast or in Geneva.

"I think Geneva could be the convenient place for everyone and the safest place," he said.

Asked if the 24-day-old cease-fire had collapsed because of continued violations, Jumblatt responded, "No, it is not finished. Occasional shooting, sniping — it has not been big up till now."

Meanwhile police said eight persons were killed — including six civilians — and 27 injured in the battling Tuesday night and yesterday morning in the mountains and southern suburbs.

Fighting was also reported to be flaring after dark last night between Druse militiamen and irregulars of the Christian Phalange party in the Kharrub region just above the Israeli Army's defence lines along the Awali River.

State radio said the two sides were battling with artillery and multiple rocket launchers. No casualty reports were issued.

Four U.S. Marines were slightly wounded when a car bomb exploded as a convoy of American military vehicles passed by the

Kuwait Embassy. A marine spokesman said one man suffered a superficial head injury and the others had ear drum lacerations or cuts on their hands and faces.

State radio said a Lebanese police guard at the embassy was also wounded.

Before Jumblatt's news conference, former prime minister Rashid Karameh, one of Jumblatt's partners in the National Salvation Front, said none of the Syrian-backed front's leaders would go to an airport conference.

Karameh, a Sunni Moslem, spoke to reporters in the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli. The third leader of the front is former president Suleiman Franjeh, a Maronite who is also from northern Lebanon.

The reconciliation meeting, intended to deal with the underlying causes of the almost continual turmoil since Lebanon's 1975-76 civil war — was called for in the cease-fire agreement ending September's fighting.

But arguments over the site have stymied its opening, and a corp of neutral observers to police the truce — also called for in the cease-fire pact — has not come about either. (Reuters, AP)

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Safed	26	13-23
Haifa Port	67	20-25
Tiberias	30	16-28
Nazareth	47	15-26
Afula	43	15-28
Shomron	38	15-26
Tel Aviv	62	17-25
B-G Airport	59	16-27
Jericho	35	18-31
Caes	69	17-24
Beer-Sheva	46	13-26
Eilat	34	18-30

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Lutz Stavenhagen, member of the Bundestag for the CDU, member of the Bundestag Budget Committee and in charge of the research and development budgeting, met yesterday with Hebrew University President Don Patinkin and deans of some of the university's faculties at the Maierdorf Faculty Club on the Mt. Scopus campus.

A Norwegian parliamentary delegation, including the Speaker of the Norwegian parliament, Mr. Odvar Nordli, yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science and were the luncheon guests of its president, Professor Michael Sela. The parliamentarians were accompanied by the Norwegian Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Knut Aars.

Zionist Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin yesterday discussed the plight of Soviet Jewry with the visiting delegation of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC), from the U.S., led by Jacqueline K. Levine.

Mr. Dulzin also addressed the opening of the David Bomberg exhibition of Eretz Israel landscapes at the Israel Museum, Bomberg, a noted British artist (1890-1957), was assisted by the World Zionist Organization.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Max M. Fisher, founding chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Joseph Hoffberger, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Irving Kessler, Executive Vice-Chairman of the United Israel Appeal Inc., to participate in the meetings of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency.

Paul Zuckerman, member, Jewish Agency Board of Governors, and Mrs. Zuckerman.

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The kibbutz concept was proposed for Burma by its president, U Nu.

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HOME NEWS

Orgad wants to fire top official

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad yesterday announced that he will request the government to dismiss Bank of Israel deputy-governor Yakir Plessner. At the same time the Treasury also announced that Director-General Ezra Sadan had presented his resignation.

Sadan and Plessner were both appointed by former finance minister Yoram Aridor, and were regarded as his closest advisers.

Regarding Sadan's resignation, the Treasury announced that Cohen-Orgad had requested the director general to remain in his post for up to three months until a new appointment was made.

Sadan had earlier indicated that

he was thinking of leaving the Treasury, because of disagreement with its policies. Sadan was accused by Plessner of leaking the news of the dollarization plan last week, leading to the resignation of Aridor.

Plessner was the intellectual architect of the economic policy implemented by the Treasury since October 1982, based on a slow rate of devaluation and small increases in the prices of subsidized products. This policy was strongly challenged by Cohen-Orgad, who openly attacked Aridor and his aides some three months ago.

Cohen-Orgad met Plessner immediately after taking charge of the Treasury on Tuesday and asked him to resign. Plessner refused.

The minister then announced that

he would propose Plessner's dismissal to the cabinet. He then consulted with Governor Moshe Mandelbaum, who has been feuding with his deputy for months.

But despite the Treasury's announcement there still seemed to be a legal obstacle to Plessner's dismissal.

According to the Bank of Israel Law, the government can dismiss the deputy-governor as a result of unbecoming conduct, or if he loses his capability to fulfill his functions or if he fails in carrying out the duties of a government official.

Since Plessner's case does not fall in neither of the first two criteria for dismissal Cohen-Orgad will have to convince the cabinet that Plessner was in fact the finance minister's adviser and hence a civil servant.



Yakir Plessner

As the Treasury itself has made it clear to the Knesset State Control Committee that the deputy-governor was not employed by the ministry, a legal complication could result.

Jlem neighbourhood activists march

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 500 activists from Jerusalem's poorer neighbourhoods demonstrated in the city centre yesterday and marched on the Knesset to symbolically "return the election bribe" of a colour television set.

It was the first time since 1978 that the neighbourhood activists agreed to work together. And it was the first time that they explicitly linked demands for cheaper food and more help for the disadvantaged with settlement in the West Bank and the war in Lebanon.

The symbolic television set was put on a brightly decorated cart drawn by a stocky pony.

The video sets and colour televisions were "election bribery," activist Yamin Suissa from the Katamonim said. "The Alignment started with these bribes and the Likud uses the same system."

The money that goes to settlements on the West Bank should go to subsidies on milk products for the poor, Suissa said. "We paid a heavy price in lives for the war in Lebanon and now we have to pay just to stay there," he added.

"Do they want us to eat video cassettes?" asked Dede Ben Shitrit, a neighbourhood activist who is running on Mayor Kollek's list for the Jerusalem City Council. "We shouldn't pay millions for a few families in isolated Gush Etzion settlements while the poor urban neighbourhoods need so much help."

The demonstration was remarkable in that it brought together activists ranging from Ben-Shitrit (who is running with Kollek) to Charlie Biton of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality.

Saadia Marciano of the Musrara neighbourhood talked about six new prisons he said Interior Minister Yosef Burg wants to build. Money "stolen from the poor goes to settlements," he said. "If we keep quiet we are sinning to our children who will, without help, get to those jails Burg wants to build."

Between the speeches, the crowd kept chanting "Free Azar Cohen." Later they started chanting "Police state," not even looking at the scores of policemen with riot gear who surrounded the demonstration. Azar Cohen, a neighbourhood activist, is under arrest on suspicion of attacking a policeman.

No official Israeli delegation to attend Carter conference

ATLANTA, Georgia (AP). — Israel has withdrawn from a November conference on the Mideast arranged by former U.S. president Jimmy Carter because it contends that one of the participants is a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Carter said on Tuesday.

Israeli officials objected to the inclusion of Walid Khalidi, a Harvard University professor identified by Israel as a member of the PLO.

The State Department, however, has verified that Khalidi is not a member of the PLO, said Carter.

"I regret they won't be officially represented and hope they will change their minds," the former president said by telephone from

Rochester, New York, where he had addressed students at the University of Rochester.

"We will have representatives from Israel, even though there will not be direct, official representation from the Israeli Government," he added.

Carter said he talked to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir by telephone on Monday morning but made no attempt to argue with him about the boycott.

The conference, the first to be hosted by the Carter Policy Centre at Emory, is designed to be a forum for government officials and scholars from Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Germany, France and the U.S.

Ha'aretz's Schocken gets U.S. award

By LEON HADAR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Gershom Schocken, editor-in-chief of Ha'aretz yesterday received the International Editor of the Year Award from the monthly Press Review Magazine of New York at the Overseas Press Club here.

A citation said Schocken was selected for Ha'aretz's "daily serving of distinguished reporting and commentary" and for being "instrumental in forecasting and reporting the true dimensions of Israel's invasion of Lebanon, exposing the story of the Palestinian refugee camp massacres and instigating the air-clearing investigation that followed."

Gov't official remanded for massage-shop bribe

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A senior Treasury official was on Tuesday remanded by the magistrates court on suspicion of receiving a bribe from a massage-parlour owner.

Gershon Aviad, chief assistant of administration in the Finance Ministry, allegedly asked the owner of the parlour for \$5,000 in return for closing the man's income-tax file.

Police say that the suspect was arrested coming out of the parlour with \$2,000 in his possession. They allege that this was part of the \$5,000 payment.

The magistrate turned down a request by the suspect's attorney that his client be released on bail, because he is a heart patient.

Bomb thrown at Nablus police patrol

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NABLUS. — A petrol bomb was thrown yesterday at the Border Police patrol here, which keeps a 24 hour watch on the depressed majority of the town Bassam Shak'a, on Monday night. No injuries were reported.

Meanwhile, security forces have recorded a slight increase in stone-throwing in the West Bank over the past few days and have put it down to tension among local Palestinians over the struggle within the PLO and the Syrian attempt to achieve total hegemony over the movement.

A bus carrying passengers from Kiryat Arba was stoned as it passed the Dabaisha refugee camp south of Bethlehem early Monday evening. Military and police sources confirmed that the windscreen was broken and a policeman was slightly injured in the shoulder.

A man identifying himself as a resident of Kiryat Arba telephoned The Jerusalem Post soon after the incident and said residents of the Jewish suburb had "struck back" — eye for eye, window for window. No official sources could confirm the report.

BANK PLAN

(Continued from Page One)

these securities for 17 years. Excluded from the agreement are the shares now in the hands of the banks, their subsidiaries and their directors. But industrial companies linked to the banks will be covered by the agreement.

It has also been agreed that at least during the first days of trade there will be no spot transactions in bank shares and that supply and demand of shares will be known beforehand. This will give the public a firm basis upon which to make its decisions.

Sources close to the banking system complained yesterday that the accord reached with the commercial banks "leaves much to be desired in terms of justice or economics."

The agreement heavily punishes those companies pressed for cash, which will be forced to sell their shares at any price. On the other hand, it minimizes the losses, or even grants profits, to those elements in the financial markets with the ability to wait out the five years, the sources said.

According to sources in the Knesset, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad had told a subcommittee of the Knesset Finance Committee that the agreement was not fair, but it was the best that could have been achieved.

The Treasury denied later that Cohen-Orgad had made such declaration and insisted that he supported the agreement.

Cohen-Orgad met with the subcommittee to report on the negotiations with the banks and the agreement reached. It was later reported that at one stage he hinted that the Stock Exchange may remain closed for a few more days, although nothing final has been decided.

Hebrew University Rector Prof. Don Patinkin strongly criticized the authorities yesterday for their handling of the bank shares over the past few years.

Patinkin, who is considered one of the most distinguished economists in the country, told an audience of Friends of the Hebrew University that the stock exchange regulations which gave rise to the events leading to the current crisis should be examined.

Saguy rebuts charges by IDF man on showing in war

Jerusalem Post Staff

Aluf (Res.) Yehoshua Saguy, the director of military intelligence during the war in Lebanon, yesterday rejected charges against the Intelligence Corps levelled by a senior IDF officer.

Tal-Aluf Dov Tamari, a distinguished paratroop commander who is retiring from the army at the end of the month, charged in an interview for the monthly *Monitin* that the corps during the war failed to supply the fighting formations with "elementary field intelligence" about the areas they were moving into and through.

Tamari, who holds the medal for bravery (*tur ha'oz*) and two citations for bravery from the chief of staff, said that the ground forces during the war displayed weaknesses in planning, formation structure and control of large units in difficult terrain.

Tamari added, "We did not achieve during the war in Lebanon all the military targets. We did not occupy crucial areas between Beirut and Mount Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley, and we did not destroy the Syrian field formations in the Bekaa."

Tamari charged that real conclusions were not drawn from the defects the IDF exhibited during the war, and said: "With us, the search for culprits becomes the essence of the drawing of conclusions, and when a 'culprit' is found, we forget the lesson to be drawn."

Saguy, in response, expressed "surprise" and said that Tamari, a brilliant officer... (should know) that in every place (field intelligence officers) were activated in the war by formation commanders, they supplied information above and beyond the merely elementary."



West German Ekkehard Weil (left) and Austrian Egon Baumgartner (right), two of nine accused went on trial this week in what is billed as the biggest lawsuit against neo-Nazis in Austria. Crowding the courtroom are the nine accused, 36 defence counsels, a public prosecutor, the jury and the judge, all protected by heavy security. (UPI)

Ya'acobi: probe bank heads' share sales

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Alignment MK Gad Ya'acobi, chairman of the Knesset Economic Committee, yesterday asked Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum to probe large-scale selling of bank shares from the personal portfolios of bank directors before the crash a fortnight ago.

Ya'acobi said that while some bank directors were quietly getting rid of billions of shekels worth of bank shares, their employees were advising the public to buy.

"If that is so," Ya'acobi wrote Mandelbaum, "it constitutes prima facie evidence that the bank direc-

tors misled the public and were guilty of misconduct."

(First to charge that bank directors liquidated huge portfolios of bank shares before the crash was entrepreneur Yekutiel Federman in an exclusive interview with The Jerusalem Post the day the banks got the stock exchange closed. Federman also asked whether the same bank directors went into foreign currency with the proceeds from their bank shares.)

Another Labour MK, Haim Ramon, said the State Comptroller must now take over inspection of banks, because government money was involved.

Banks open late for investors

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The investment departments of the four big banks — Leumi, Hapoalim, Discount and Mizrahi — as well as those of Union and General banks — will remain open today between 3 and 7 p.m. to facilitate the placing of buy and sell orders by their clients on the Tel Aviv stock exchange. Most branches of First International ordinarily remain open until 7 p.m.

Present plans call for them also to remain open late on Sunday and Monday next week. It is believed that by then buying and selling orders will have subsided sufficiently to allow the banks to return to their normal working hours.

Stock Market orders for the sale of shares can be placed today and tomorrow, but actual trading will start only on Sunday morning. No orders will be accepted on Sunday morning.

It has been learned that the banks will tabulate all their sell orders, deduct the buy orders, and strike a general balance on Friday afternoon. This will allow them to make a firm prediction of the trend on Sunday morning, and to prepare to meet any panic wave of dumping of bank shares.

It has also been learned that clerks in all investment departments will give the identical piece of advice to those who wish to sell bank shares — "put a limit on the drop in price." Thus, if a person limits the fall to 15 per cent, and the shares fall by 16 per cent, his shares will not be sold.

The rush to buy dollars continued to subside yesterday, for the second consecutive day. However, total sales of dollars were still higher than before the general rush to the dollar began a few weeks ago.

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marathon negotiations with the banks. Mandelbaum said that with the various options offered under the new agreement the bank shares would in fact become an attractive investment.

Zamir said that what has happened during the past two weeks could turn into a blessing in disguise, since it will help the economy to sober up and will have stopped the negative practice of recent years of regulating bank shares by the banks. The banks have solemnly undertaken to stop this practice, he said.

The attorney-general, who proved to be very articulate in his financial explanations, predicted that if the individual investors will follow a reasonable course rather than drive themselves into a panic-selling pattern, the bank shares could again become a profitable investment in real terms — to the extent that the government may not even have to make good its

commitment to redeem them in five years.

Zamir rejected the claim of Shinui MK Amnon Rubinstein, a leading jurist in his own right, that this government's commitment would not be binding on future governments. He stressed that the commitment towards the public was by the State on whose behalf the government was acting. It was like the binding commitment of a company, regardless of any changes in its management.

Zamir warned against self-fulfilling prophecies of doom which have been sounded by some newspapers and urged the public to have full confidence in the way the bank shares crisis was being resolved.

SURPRISE. — A 70-year-old Beersheva man foiled an armed robbery attempt, at his home on Tuesday evening, after he wrestled a gun equipped with a silencer from one of the two intruders. The would-be burglars escaped.

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HOME NEWS

Parties gear up as countdown begins

By MICHAEL ELAN and Jerusalem Post Staff

With only six days left until the municipal elections most of the large parties are now concentrating on logistics of election day. But in Jerusalem, at least, Agudat Yisrael, worried about competition, managed to pressure a small rival list to stop all campaigning.

The small list that got trampled by the party machine of MK Menahem Porush is called Tali. Porush is not running in the Jerusalem campaign, but his son Meir, is head of the local Aguda list.

Sources close to the Tali-Aguda dispute said that Porush supporters went to Bnei Brak's Council of Torah Sages Rabbi Eliezer Schach and told him that Tali was claiming his absolute support in the Jerusalem campaign. This was not the case, since Schach had decided to stay impartial in the dispute, the sources said.

But after hearing this report from the Porush supporters, Schach was apparently offended. So in intricate negotiations Tali was forced to promise to publish an advertisement in *Hamodia* saying it was no longer running.

But Tali's voting slips will still be in the ballot booth.

"The situation is still very fluid," one source said.

Meanwhile Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek told a packed Binyanei HaUma last night that he will not make any election promises except "to fight against violence with all my heart and for tolerance in the city."

At the biggest election rally of his campaign, the 72-year-old mayor told a cheering audience that political promises "are for politicians who have no chance to win and won't have to fulfill their promises."

Worried that "complacency" among his supporters may deny him the turnout to guarantee a city council majority for his One

Jerusalem list, the mayor focused on human relations in his 15-minute speech.

"I'll work with all my heart for tolerance between Jews and Jews and Jews and Arabs, so that everybody in this city can live according to their beliefs," Kollek said.

Graft claims

Negev police chief Sgan-Nitzav Haim Elbaldes said yesterday in Beersheba that election graft accusations here, are treated with the highest priority and are "investigated immediately and completely."

He was referring to Mayor Eliahu Navi's charge that his former lieutenant and current Likud rival Balfour Kiviti had promised the greengrocers to improve conditions and cut outside competition in the market here. Kiviti is alleged to have signed an agreement with the greengrocers' committee in the

Suspects hunted in Kollek assault

The Jerusalem police conducted searches early yesterday morning in the homes of four suspects in the assault on Saturday on Mayor Teddy Kollek, but none of the four was found at home. Three other suspects were remanded on Tuesday for seven days.

In one instance the police were compelled to force open a door when members of the household refused to open up, causing the police to fear that one of the suspects was trying to get away through some other exit.

Rabbi Uri Blas, one of the leaders of the Netorei Kartz, was arrested on Tuesday night on a Mea Shearim street by Jerusalem police chief Tati-Nitzav Rahamim. Comfort, who ran into him by chance. Blas was arrested for having participated in an unauthorized demonstration on the Ramot road on Saturday.

Telma to market gluten-free flour

HAIFA. — A gluten-free flour for Celiac patients has recently been developed by a research team of the Food Engineering and Biotechnology Department of the Technion. The Telma company is producing and marketing the flour, which will cater to the needs of the local Celiac population, eliminating the need for imports of what are considered inferior similar goods.

Budgets director rejects 'negligence' charge

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Knesset Correspondent

Somebody forgot to remind Haim Kaufman (Likud-Herut) yesterday that he was not deputy finance minister when in the Knesset State Control Committee he charged the Treasury's budgets director Ya'acov Gadish with "negligence."

Gadish, who announced his imminent resignation some days ago, did not know that the constitutional ground had been cut from under Kaufman's feet. Nevertheless, he refused to accept Kaufman's

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Tel Aviv candidates Dov Ben-Meir (left) and Shlomo Lahat.

name of the municipality.

Navi said he had fired Kiviti months ago and he now has no municipal authority. Therefore, any promises Kiviti makes constitutes "bribery."

Kiviti has denied the charge categorically.

Also in Beersheba, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres reiterated the party's position on economic matters at a meeting of supporters for mayoral candidate MK Uri Sabag yesterday. He said that newly-appointed Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, will not be able to cure the nation's fiscal ills.

The Labour Party has decided to address the voters here on national rather than local issues, contending that this municipal election is really a straw vote for national events.

'Salary advances'

In the Knesset, Shulamit Aloni (Alignment-CRM) asked the State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik and the

Knesset State Control Committee to examine the source for the salary advances paid by the Ministry of Religious Affairs this week, to neighbourhood and moshav rabbis.

Aloni said that on the eve of the municipal elections an institution controlled by the National Religious Party had sent each rabbi a cheque for IS30,000, even though the wage talks involved were still bogged down.

She said most neighbourhood and moshav rabbis, whose ties with the NRP had weakened greatly, regard the so-called "advance on salary" as an election bribe.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Religious Affairs denied Aloni's charges.

Haifa khan

In Haifa, the curtain went up last night on an election performance at the partly renovated old *khan* in the downtown area, which is to serve as a theatre-entertainment centre.

After the elections, when the hall is ready, there will be another "opening" ceremony.

Violations alleged

The Alignment in Tel Aviv is considering appealing to the attorney-general for help in what it termed the increasing violations of the elections law, it was learned yesterday.

The party says that a woman who put up a poster of Alignment mayoral candidate Dov Ben-Meir in Dizengoff Circle in Tel Aviv was assaulted and Jaffa merchants who hung Ben-Meir's portrait in their shop windows were threatened with violence if they did not remove the posters immediately.

Ben-Meir yesterday charged Tel Aviv Mayor and Likud candidate Shlomo Lahat with responsibility for the actions of his activists.

"Lahat chooses to ignore these acts of hooligans, and enables the continuation of Likud thuggery in the streets of Tel Aviv," he said.

Rowboat commemorates Danes' humanity

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter

A rowboat, sitting incongruously atop the Jerusalem Hills like a miniature Noah's Ark come to rest, was dedicated yesterday at Yad Vashem.

The boat was among those used to rescue Denmark's 7,000 Jews in 1943 and the message it symbolized — of humanity surviving the flood — was likewise reminiscent of the biblical tale.

"Were it not for this small piece of history, it would be almost impossible to face the future," said Esther Herlitz, former Israeli ambassador to Denmark, to more than 200 Danes who had come for the ceremony, among them Minister of Culture Mimi Stilling Jacobson. Also present were Danish Christians who had participated in the rescue and Jews who were saved.

The ceremony marked the 40th anniversary of the event.

Professor Lenni Yahil, a Holocaust historian, noted that although the Jews of Bulgaria and Finland were also saved, Denmark was the only country in which the population unanimously rallied around the rescue effort.

The rescue was a spontaneous action by the Danish people in which the Danish resistance was not the prime mover, said journalist Mogens Kofod Hansen.

After being warned by a German attache in Copenhagen, F.O. Dukwitz, that the Nazis were about to round up the Jews and ship them out, the Danes organized the night-time transfer by boat of the country's Jews to Sweden where they were warmly received. Most were transported in three nights.

Five hundred Jews who remained were seized by the Germans and sent to Theresienstadt but these were brought to Sweden in 1945 upon the intervention of the Swedish diplomat, Count Bernadotte, who was later assassinated in Jerusalem.

Hansen said the development of resistance to the Germans in Denmark was slow in coming and that the rescue operation was a major turning point. "It was an



One of the Danish rowboats used in the rescue of Jews from Nazi occupied Denmark in 1943. (Rahamim Israeli)

expression of the fact that the majority of Danes, although not heroic, realized they had to show where they stood and where they were going — no matter what the consequences. The Danes still feel gratitude to the Jews who, by their very presence among us, helped us find the right path."

Among those present was the owner of the rowboat, Gilbert Lassen, who runs a general store in a village north of Elsinore. Now in his mid-70s, Lassen recalled using the boat to ferry small groups of Jews out to a larger boat waiting offshore to carry them to Sweden.

"Many generations in the future will have to be educated by your example," Supreme Court Justice M. Bejski told the Danish visitors.



Some of the unclaimed silver items thought to be stolen seized by the police at Ben Gurion Airport. (IPPA)

Police searching for owners

No claimants for 'stolen' silver

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter

LOD. — Police are certain that hundreds of thousands of shekels worth of silver items, including kiddush cups, candlesticks, and incense boxes, which they seized at Ben-Gurion Airport are stolen, but so far no one has claimed most of the items and police, who cannot prove they are stolen, may have to return them to the suspected thieves and smugglers.

Nisav-Mishne Yosef Yehudai said about 40 pieces had been seized during an attempt to smuggle them abroad through Ben-Gurion airport. The alleged smuggler was caught red-handed, but so far only five pieces have been positively identified by their true owners.

On July 26, police detective

Samal Rishon Yanko Hershkovitz, allegedly saw Shimshon Hubelashvili, 46, of Holon, walking nervously around the departure hall with a luggage wagon. The detective followed him for five hours, the local police intelligence officer told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The officer said he and four other men saw a well-dressed man approach Hubelashvili, embrace him, take the bags from the wagon, and proceed to passport control on the terminal's second floor.

"When we opened the bags, we saw silverware in all sizes and when the man was asked for an explanation he said: 'I don't know. It's not mine,'" the intelligence officer recounted.

Both men were detained. The other man, Eliahu Mamistraton, denied having any luggage on the El

Al plane to Frankfurt on which he was due to embark.

A few hours later police detained Reissa Sapishvili, 18, of Or Yehuda who had just arrived from Germany with \$25,000 in her possession. The intelligence officer said she had confessed to being a messenger for Hubelashvili. It wasn't the first trip for the gang, she allegedly told police.

The men denied involvement in any criminal offence. Hubelashvili said the goods were his own.

After the police announced their catch, several people saw the goods, but most of the items remained unidentified and police cannot prove that they were stolen. If they remain unclaimed, police said that Hubelashvili will probably be allowed to claim possession next March.

Inquiry results of coma death in few days

By MARGERY GREENFELD Jerusalem Post Reporter

The results of an official investigation into the case of a young Jerusalem woman who went into coma during a gynecological operation last month and died on Tuesday afternoon will be released within the "next few days," the Health Ministry said yesterday.

Rahel Suissa, 26, the mother of two young children, died on Tuesday at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, where she had been in the intensive care unit for the past month. Suissa was transferred to Shaare Zedek after she stopped breathing during an operation under general anesthetic at the capital's Misgav Ladach Hospital.

The young woman had been admitted to Misgav Ladach for a laparoscopy, an examination of internal organs using a tube fitted with an optical system, after she complained of abdominal pains. The laparoscope is inserted into the body through an incision in the abdomen, with the patient under general anesthetic.

According to some reports, during the operation Suissa was not attached to a monitor of vital signs that is widely used to supervise the patient's functioning during general anesthesia. She stopped breathing for several minutes before the sur-

gical team noticed that something was amiss, her mother was quoted as saying, and during that time, her brain was deprived of oxygen and she went into a coma.

The anesthesiologist during the operation was the head of the anesthesiology department at Shaare Zedek, it was learned yesterday.

Suissa was transferred to the ICU at Shaare Zedek while still comatose and never woke up, hospital spokesmen said.

The director of Misgav Ladach, Dr. Michael Stark, appointed an internal investigating team to look into the incident, and the findings of that committee were turned over to the investigating team appointed by Health Ministry director-general

Prof. Baruch Modan several weeks ago.

The ministry committee, headed by Prof. Josef Shenkar, the head of the gynecology department at Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem, also includes the head of an intensive care unit and a legal adviser. The committee is due to present its findings within the next few days, following Modan's return from Washington, where he is attending an international symposium on epidemiology.

Stark yesterday declined to comment directly on the case, "until the results of the investigation are published." But if any "negligence is uncovered, we'll have to take appropriate action," he told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Emergency op saves mother and baby

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The lives of a pregnant woman and her baby were saved over the weekend in an emergency operation involving a team of 10 doctors at Misgav Ladach Hospital in Jerusalem.

Both the American-born mother and her child are doing well, hospital director Dr. Michael Stark said last night.

The woman was rushed to Misgav Ladach on Saturday after her spleen ruptured and caused massive internal bleeding. She arrived at hospital with extremely low vital signs (pulse rate and blood pressure) and was in the operating theatre within 12 minutes of her arrival.

Ten doctors took part in the "rare" one-hour operation, during which the baby was safely delivered and the spleen repaired, Stark said.

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Injection of macro-molecules into animal cells makes it possible to introduce information or new materials into living cells, a process which can be used in medicine, agriculture and scientific research.

In one of the new methods, material is injected into cells by means of viruses which fuse with the cell. The viruses are first emptied of their contents, and the desired material is then inserted into the virus "envelope," with the virus serving as a "biological syringe."

Galilee outpost becomes civilian settlement

KIRYAT SHMONA. — A Nahal position in Lower Galilee yesterday became a civilian settlement called Mitzpe Netofa.

The settlement, in an area sparsely populated with Jews, was set up by Amana, Gush Emunim's settlement movement. It is the first Gush Emunim settlement inside the Green Line.

Mitzpe Netofa began four years ago as a position called Beit Rimon 3, peopled by Nahal youths from the Bnei Akiva religious youth movement.

Among the hundreds of people attending the ceremony marking the change in the settlement's status was a group of new immigrants from Ethiopia.

Soviets wave oil weapon over East-bloc allies

BERLIN (AP). — Soviet Premier Nikolai Tikhonov has urged Moscow's socialist trading partners to send more goods to the Soviet Union if they expect to continue receiving Soviet oil and raw materials.

"We are well aware of the interest of COMECON countries in deliveries of energy sources and raw materials from the Soviet Union," Tikhonov said on Tuesday in an address to members of the 10-nation Council for Mutual Economic Assistance meeting in East Berlin.

"We will undertake efforts to continue this in the future in the framework of our possibilities," Tikhonov said in a speech opening the three-day economic planning session.

Tikhonov then added a clear warning that Moscow was fully capable of using a kind of "oil weapon" against its allies if they don't fulfill trade agreements.

The 78-year-old Soviet govern-

ment chief said Moscow had delivered 264 million tons of oil and petroleum products, 92 billion cubic metres of natural gas, 53 million kilowatts of electricity and large amounts of iron ore and chemical fertilizers to its COMECON partners in the first three years of the current five-year plan.

"For the Soviet economy, deliveries of machines, equipment, chemical products and consumer goods from fraternal countries were of great importance," he said.

Tikhonov also called on the COMECON countries to initiate "urgent measures" to ensure the "improvement of quality of products and goods" delivered among the trading bloc.

Other COMECON premiers acknowledged problems in their own nations and hinted at conflicts within the Soviet-bloc trading community in their opening day speeches.

FBI seeking accomplices of N-missile spy suspect

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The FBI is searching for accomplices in the case of an American charged with selling vital nuclear missile secrets to a Polish spy for \$250,000.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) officials said they were continuing their investigation as U.S. prosecutors began preparing their case against James Harper, a computer consultant from California.

Harper, 49, was remanded in custody on Monday after appearing in court on a spy charge involving information alleged to have been passed through Polish agents to the Soviet Union. He was due to appear in court in San Francisco yesterday for a bail hearing.

Prosecutors say he obtained, through his late wife who worked for a defence contractor, photocopies of top secret Pentagon research documents, including key details on the Minuteman intercontinental missile and how it might survive a Soviet first strike.

U.S. officials described the value of the material as beyond calculation and the FBI said there may be further arrests in the case.

The 33-page affidavit said Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, who was head of Soviet intelligence at the time, commended the Polish agents for their good work.

No heirs found for dead widow's \$1m. estate

LONDON (Reuters). — An eccentric Irishwoman who died in London last year left an estate worth £670,000 (\$1m.) for which no heir can be found, *The Times* newspaper reported yesterday.

Katherine Nathan devoted four decades of widowhood to playing the stock market from her apartment in the north London suburb of Hampstead, the paper said.

She refused to make a will, telling acquaintances she believed she would die if she did so. Since her death, lawyers have been trying to find an heir.

Her passport said she was born in Ireland on November 18, 1898.

When she married Australian businessman Gilbert Nathan in 1917, she gave her maiden name as O'Shea, her father's name as John Lee O'Shea and her age as 24.

But no relatives have been found in Ireland, and lawyers believe the maiden name was a pseudonym.

If no heir can be found, the money will go to the British government and *The Times* said it would be the largest unclaimed estate in British history.

UK policemen cleared in shooting

LONDON (Reuters). — Two British detectives who shot an innocent, unarmed man whom they mistook for a dangerous gunman were cleared by a jury yesterday of all charges in the case.

John Jardine, 38, was acquitted at the Old Bailey criminal court of attempting last January to murder film editor Stephen Waldorf and of deliberately wounding him.

Peter Finch, 38, was cleared of shooting and pistol-whipping Waldorf with intent to cause serious injury. A charge of attempted murder against Finch was dropped on

the judge's orders during the six-day trial.

Waldorf, 27, was ambushed and riddled with bullets as his car sat in London traffic. He recovered after emergency surgery.

Both detectives had said they mistook Waldorf for gunman David Martin, then Britain's most wanted fugitive, and opened fire believing the suspect was armed and would shoot first.

Martin was jailed for 25 years last week on charges which included shooting a police officer.

London Police Federation chairman John Newman said he was "thrilled to bits" with the verdict.

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U.S. sweeps Nobel science prizes

STOCKHOLM (AP). — Two American space researchers, professors Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar and William Fowler, were jointly awarded the Nobel prize in physics yesterday and another American, Prof. Henry Taube, won the Nobel chemistry award, completing a U.S. sweep of the 1983 Nobel science awards.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, which chooses winners of the three science prizes and the Nobel Prize in Economics, said the common link between Chandrasekhar, 73, of the University of Chicago, and Fowler, 72, of the California Institute of Technology, was their research into the evolution of stars.

The academy described Canadian-born Taube, of Stanford University, as "one of the most creative contemporary workers in inorganic chemistry." Taube's citation noted "his work on the mechanisms of electron transfer reactions, specially in the metal complexes."

Barbara McClintock of the Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory in New

York was chosen for the medicine prize last week. In addition, French-born American Gerard Debreu was named winner of the Nobel Prize in economics on Monday.

The academy said Indian-born Chandrasekhar, was honoured for "theoretical studies of the physical processes of importance to the structure and evolution of the stars." It said his main breakthroughs came 50 years ago with his studies of so-called "white dwarfs," the stellar bodies left when stars the size of the Earth's sun collapse.

Fowler's citation noted "his theoretical and experimental studies of the nuclear reactions of importance in the formation of the chemical elements in the universe." The academy said he was instrumental in development of a theory in the 1950s about how the chemical elements in the universe were formed.

The academy's Sven Johansson, a professor of nuclear physics and chairman of the awarding committee, said the professors sat in their laboratories for years doing studies

that now are being borne out by satellite pictures.

The academy said Taube is "one of the most creative research workers of our age in the field of coordination chemistry," adding that for 30 years he's been at the leading edge of research in several fields and has had a decisive influence on developments.

It said one of Taube's nominations listed 18 instances where the Stanford professor was "first with major discoveries... during the last 10 years it has become increasingly apparent that Taube's ideas have a considerable applicability, particularly in biochemistry." The prize winner, Britain's William Golding, will accept diplomas, medals and cheques for 15 million Swedish Kronor (about \$15.6m.) on December 10, the death anniversary of Swedish dynamite inventor Alfred Nobel. Except for the Nobel Economics Prize, Nobel's legacy finances the science, literature and peace prize stipends. The peace prize, awarded in Oslo is going this year to Polish labour leader Lech Walesa.

Icecaps will melt, oceans rise as world heats up

WASHINGTON (AP). — A potentially catastrophic warming of the earth will start in the 1990s, disrupting food production and raising coastal waters as the polar icecaps melt, the federal government said in a report released on Tuesday.

The study by the Environmental Protection Agency said the climatic changes from the so-called "greenhouse effect" are unavoidable and warned that the U.S. and other countries must begin searching now for ways to mitigate the impact of the changes.

The report, titled "Can we delay a greenhouse warming?" concluded that even as drastic and unlikely a step as a total ban on coal burning would delay by only 15 years a 2-degree increase in average worldwide temperatures.

While other government studies have warned that the greenhouse effect was a potential problem, the EPA report is the first to state with certainty that the warming will oc-

cure no matter what is tried to restrict the use of fossil fuels.

The EPA study is based on earlier projections by the National Academy of Sciences that a doubling of carbon dioxide in the air — which could occur by the middle of the next century — would raise present world temperatures within a range of 1.5 degrees to 4.5 degrees.

This result is known as the greenhouse effect because carbon dioxide acts like the glass in a greenhouse, allowing the sun's warming rays to reach earth but not allowing the heat to escape.

"Temperature increases are likely to be accompanied by dramatic changes in precipitation and storm patterns and a rise in global average sea level. As a result, agricultural conditions will be significantly altered, environmental and economic systems potentially disrupted and political institutions stressed," the study warned.

Stephen Seidel, one of the

authors of the study, said that the U.S. wheat belt was likely to shift northward, forcing American farmers to come up with seeds that can grow in less rainfall.

Jim Titus, the EPA's sea level project manager, said other parts of the world that could be affected include the deltas of the Nile River in Egypt, the Mekong River in Vietnam, and rivers in India.

"It would not come all at once," he pointed out. "But there would be much more vulnerability to storms that only occur once in a while."

Titus said some countries might benefit from the changes, citing northern Canada, Siberia, Greenland and parts of Scandinavia.

But he added the full effects still cannot be known.

"We don't know all that much about weather. The advantages of warmer climate might be offset by additional snow," he said.

Royal Navy's new warship

LONDON (AP). — Britain's Defence Ministry said on Tuesday it has approved a new type of warship to take the Royal Navy through the year 2,000 — the first new major ships to incorporate experience gained from last year's war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

The ministry said the new Type-23 frigates, designed for anti-submarine warfare in the North Atlantic and world-wide general purpose duties, would form the "backbone" of the future Royal Navy anti-submarine warfare force.

A ministry spokesman said orders will be placed for between eight and 12 of the vessels at a cost of about £100m. each at British shipbuilding yards.

A spokesman claimed the new frigate will be the quietest major warship in the world to evade detection by submarines. He said it will have a crew of 143 and a maximum speed of 28 knots and a range of 12,880 kilometres.

Design lessons learned from the 74-day Falklands conflict included the need for better ventilation in the event of a missile hit to prevent smoke spreading and improved sonar to detect incoming torpedoes, the ministry spokesman said.

4 children reported slain by father

DINGWALL, Scotland (AP). — A crazed father reported by police to have slain his four children by slashing their throats and then to have fired a crossbow bolt into his head in a suicide bid underwent emergency surgery Tuesday night.

A spokesman at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary where the operation was performed described the condition of Ukrainian-born Michael Wynar early yesterday as "serious."

Wynar, 59, and the dead children, ages 2 to 8, were reported by the British Press Association to have been found Tuesday by the children's grandmother Jessie McLaughlin at the family's home in this small northern Scottish town.

Press reports said the children's mother, Margaret Wynar, 33, had been staying with a woman friend because of an argument with her husband. Neighbours said Wynar had been depressed about losing his job four months ago.

Black wins landmark residence rights

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — A black South African, who won a landmark legal ruling on the right of blacks to live permanently in white urban areas, won another victory yesterday when a Johannesburg court ruled his wife was allowed to join him.

Engineering worker Tom Rikhotso's victory in the appeals court in May gave the right of permanent residence to black migrant workers who had been registered in the same job for 10 years or had worked in the same town for 15 years.

The Rand Supreme Court yesterday ruled that Rikhotso's wife was entitled to live with him and ordered the local authority to endorse her papers to that effect.

The May ruling struck down a cornerstone of the country's complex scheme of laws restricting black family life in the cities under the overall policy of apartheid.

A South African civil rights group, the Black Sash, said, however, that the government has not complied with the court ruling and local authorities were obstructing the law.

Man litters town with dollar bills

PLATTSBURGH, New York (AP). — State police here say they have arrested a man who threw ripped \$100, \$50, and \$20 bills out his car window late last week and over the weekend, claiming he didn't need the money.

Police said the man claims to have thrown \$20,000, most of the bills torn in half, out of his car throughout the area during the past two weeks.

Police said about \$2,000 have been recovered.

The 30-year-old man was arrested Monday night, police said, but they declined to identify him because he was arrested as a mentally unsettled person and state law forbids making his name public.

The money came from an inheritance and life insurance benefits the man received five years ago when his father died, police said. The man told them he threw the money away because he didn't need it.

Soviets deny trouble with Salyut mission

MOSCOW (AP). — A Soviet official yesterday denied a report that there were problems with the orbiting Salyut-7 space station carrying two cosmonauts.

A spokesman for the Soviet Academy of Sciences, asked about a report that a propellant leak had crippled the station, said: "There was no leak on the station. The flight is continuing normally. The state of the cosmonauts is good."

The BBC reported on Tuesday night that the two Soviet cosmonauts — Alexander Alexandrov, 41, and Vladimir Lyakhov, 42 — were stranded in the Salyut-7 orbiting complex due to a propellant leak.

The BBC said the leak had left the Salyut-7 "virtually unmaneuverable" and that the cosmonauts "are in effect drifting in orbit."

Zimbabwe premier condemns SA raid on Mozambique

HARARE (AP). — Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has promised his country's "fullest support" to defend Mozambique's "territorial integrity" against South African raids.

He made the promise in a message to Mozambique President Samora Machel on Tuesday, condemning Monday's South African dawn raid on a central Maputo building which left five people wounded.

New UK proposals on Hongkong

PEKING (Reuters). — Talks on Hongkong's future resumed yesterday after a month-long break amid reports that Britain planned to present new proposals to China to try to break the deadlock.

Both sides have pledged themselves to secrecy concerning the talks, although the Chinese have launched several attacks on British policy in recent weeks that have indirectly revealed Britain's negotiating tactics.

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AROUND THE WORLD

Body of abducted Spanish officer found

BILBAO, Spain (AP). — The body of army Capt. Alberto Martin, abducted two weeks ago by the political-military branch of the Basque Separatist organization ETA, was found yesterday in Baracaldo, government sources said.

The body, with a gunshot wound in the head, was discovered in a pathway on the outskirts of Bilbao early in the morning, they said, a half hour after an anonymous call to the Red Cross.

Martin, an army pharmacist, was kidnapped last Friday to protest the attempt to assault an army barracks in Catalonia three years ago.

ETA had set as one condition to spare the captain's life that the state television broadcast a communique criticizing the government for permitting the trial to go before a military instead of a civilian court. The television agreed to broadcast the communique "for humanitarian reasons," but only after the captain was freed.

Reagan to visit Japan, S. Korea next month

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan will make his abbreviated visit to Asia from November 9 to November 14, stopping only in Japan and South Korea before returning to Washington, the White House announced yesterday.

Reagan and his wife Nancy had been scheduled to spend two-and-a-half weeks in the Far East with scheduled stops in the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand, as well as Japan and Korea.

S. Africa to use defoliant on strategic road

WINDHOEK, Namibia (Reuters). — South African forces will use a powerful defoliant spray to eliminate vegetation along a strategic road in Namibia (South West Africa) in an attempt to protect troops from guerrilla ambushes, military officials said here yesterday.

U.S. Army weighing new, 'light' divisions

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Army is considering creation of new "light" divisions that could be moved quickly "to fight anywhere in the world," Army Chief of Staff General John Wickham Jr. said on Tuesday.

The new divisions would have only about 10,000 men each, compared to the current division strength of 16,000 to 18,000 men, Wickham said in a speech at the annual Army Association.

The soldiers would be armed with faster machine guns and new anti-tank weapons that weigh less than the current ones. In addition, they would have more mobile artillery, but would not have tanks or armoured personnel carriers.

Fresh ice threatens stranded Soviet ships

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Fresh ice is sealing channels carved by icebreakers in the eastern Arctic, where four convoys of Soviet ships have been stranded for nearly three weeks, Moscow newspapers reported yesterday.

As weather conditions worsened in the region, off the northeast coast of Siberia, the reports said eight vessels were in particular danger as thick walls of pack ice built up around them to a thickness of two metres.

One account said the atomic-powered breaker Leonid Brezhnev and other breakers following in its wake had been ordered to stop for 24 hours to give their exhausted crews a rest from the deafening noise and vibrations of ice-smashing operations.

Tamils likely to lose seats in Parliament

NEW DELHI (AP). — The Tamil United Liberation Front TULF stands to lose all 16 of its seats in Sri Lanka's parliament this weekend, leaving the nation's minority community without representation in the law-making body, the front's president M. Sivasithamparan said yesterday.

The seats will become vacant Saturday because TULF members will have failed to attend parliament for three months — since July 22 when the body met in special session to approve a constitutional amendment requiring lawmakers to swear on oath against secessionist aims and activities.

Rumania urges Moscow to reduce missiles

BUCHAREST (AP). — Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, in an interview published yesterday in newspapers here, has called on the Soviet Union to reduce its arsenal of medium-range missiles.

The Rumanian leader also reportedly said U.S.-Soviet talks on intermediate-range missiles should continue indefinitely, past possible NATO deployment in December. The West fears such deployment will prompt a Soviet walkout.

"We declare for the continuation of talks until the realization of an accord," Ceausescu was quoted as saying. "In this period of negotiations the Soviet Union should stop deployment of new rockets and even pass to the reduction of a certain number of the existing rockets."

Libyan relations with Iran seen at crisis

KUWAIT (AP). — The Libyan ambassador has left Teheran for home without notifying Iranian Foreign Ministry officials, amid indications that Libya-Iran relations were on the "brink of deterioration," the independent newspaper *Al-Anba* reported here yesterday.

Europe launches satellite into orbit on Ariane rocket

KOUROU, French Guiana

(Reuters). — Europe served notice yesterday that it was ready to challenge the U.S. in putting satellites into space for private customers with a successful firing of its Ariane rocket.

Technicians cheered as the sleek white Ariane L-7 blasted off from its jungle base here to put a communications satellite into orbit for the Washington-based International Communications Satellite organization (Intelsat).

Officials of the 11-nation European Space Agency, the rocket's manufacturer, and ArianeSpace — created to market its potential as a

commercial carrier — said a successful mission would provide a strong challenge to the reusable U.S. space shuttle.

ArianeSpace director-general Charles Bigot told reporters in Kourou there were 26 firm orders involving 15 launches of the more powerful Ariane-2 and -3 models, now entering the final testing stage and due to be used towards the end of next year.

"There are orders worth some \$750 million," Bigot said, "if other prospective orders are confirmed." We are talking about an order book involving around \$1b. In anybody's language that's good business."

Phone-in sex seekers overload switchboard

COPENHAGEN (Reuters). — More than 40,000 callers lured by Denmark's latest erotic experience — telephone sex — jammed Copenhagen's switchboard for three hours on Tuesday.

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RASHOMON IN HERZLIYA

The Post's Mark Segal looks at a bitter mayoral campaign

THE MAYORAL election campaign in Herzliya must be the nastiest in the country. Or as a friend who resides in Herzliya Pituah told me: "The campaign is as dirty as our neighbourhood."

The Labour Party incumbent, Yosef Nevo, faces the Likud's Eli Landau. An example of the bitterness of the campaign was the black and red placards householders found in their mailboxes last weekend, reading "Anybody but Landau." They may have created an undercurrent of sympathy for the underdog candidate, a likelihood that possibly did not occur to the Nevo strategists.

Nevo has complained to the police that he and his son were subjected to threats of violence in a verbal attack from his campaign rival. Nevo concentrates on blackening my name, says Landau. "All they're doing is building me as a violent bogey man." Nevo's response to this comment was "but he is a violent man, and the public have to know to whom they are being asked to trust their city." It seems that the view from Herzliya depends very much on where you are standing.

The city they are vying for is not a homogeneous urban area by a far cry, embracing as it does the old moshava, now the city centre, several former moshavot, new housing estates and the wealthy seaside area of Herzliya Pituah. Functionally the city is an anomaly, and perhaps the Herzliya-Pituah area should have been joined with neighbouring Kfar Shmaryahu in one local authority. But the heavily taxed households of Herzliya Pituah were incorporated into Herzliya when former Mayor Pesach Yifor was in office. This arrangement was on the insistence of the then Interior Minister, Israel Bar-Yehuda. Ahdut Avoda, who held that the wealthier citizens by the seaside should assist the less wealthy residents of the older moshava.

The residents of Herzliya Pituah comprise only a minority of the city's 80,000 population but relatively pay the heaviest taxes in the country for less than adequate services — to go by the residents this reporter spoke to in the last week. One of them, waxing emotional, went so far as decrying Mayor Nevo as "anti-Herzliya." Later in the conversation, he confessed that he might be forced to vote for the Labour incumbent in view of his strong reservations about the Likud's candidate.

THE TWO men now fighting for the mayoralty represent different worlds. The harsh Landau, a former paratrooper officer and former military correspondent for *Ma'ariv*, is the son-in-law of tycoon Oved Ben-Ami, a former mayor of Netanya and financier of Gush Emunim. Landau's political career has been closely linked with that of Ariel Sharon. Landau was Sharon's top aide at the Ministry of Agriculture when Sharon was minister, and Landau made a name for himself by organizing the "Sharon tours," which took many tens of thousands of potential voters in 1981 to view Judea and Samaria.

Sharon showed his gratitude to his lieutenant by installing him as chairman of the Shekem chain, where he has earned a reputation for getting things done in steamroller fashion. Some say that is what Herzliya needs. One of the factors working for Landau is the public's desire for change after Nevo's three terms as mayor. Long-term officeholders invariably become the focus of grudges and disappointments, imaginary and real.

Landau has lived in Herzliya for more than a decade, making his home with his wife and four children in Herzliya Pituah. For some voters he has the advantage of youth (he's 41) over the 64-year-old incumbent. He can pose as the representative of the ascendant generation of newly prosperous residents, while Nevo can be seen as the man of the local Labour establishment and as the scion of the city's founding fathers.

As a journalist and writer, Landau has co-authored several books, *The Mossad: Israel's Secret Intelligence Service: Inside Stories: Operation Uranium Ship; and Hamahdhal (The Failure)* on the Yom Kippur War. His first literary effort, a solo, personal account of the paratroopers' fight in the battle for Jerusalem in the Six Day War, has a foreword written by Mordechai Gur. Another venture in journalism was as editor of the short-lived daily newspaper *Hayom Hazeh*, whose editor-in-chief was the late Moshe Dayan.

LANDAU HAS ALSO been in the headlines over the years for entanglements with the law, a point that has not been left out of the campaign. A Labour Party newspaper advertisement quotes the judgment given in the 1971 case in which he was indicted for involvement in the theft of a large quantity of seeds and pesticides from a seed store.



Yosef Nevo

Eli Landau

The section quoted in the newspaper advertisement notes, *inter alia*, the judge's comments that because of Shmuel Tamir's brilliant defence brief and "lack of second-

dary evidence, I am forced to clear the accused of the charges."

When I asked Landau about the past blowing up in his face, he responded: "But the courts cleared me didn't they?"

In 1974, the High Court refused to hear Landau's appeal against his conviction for illegally possessing two rifles, a Semyonov and a Kalachnikov, found during a search

of his home in 1971.

Yosef Nevo, at age 3, came to Israel with his parents from Chattanooga, Tenn. His father, Shimon Ze'ev Levine, was one of the founders of Herzliya. Yosef Nevo, after studying biology at the Hebrew University, founded kibbutz Muoz Haim in the Beisan valley and was wounded in its defence. A graduate, in 1939, of the first

Haganah officers course, he served in the Jewish Brigade in World War II, and just before the War of Independence, when he commanded part of the Israeli forces in Jerusalem, he married British-born Naomi Bennum. He rose through the ranks quickly, becoming deputy to the Jerusalem front commander, Moshe Dayan. He almost became David Ben-Gurion's aide, but the army kept him.

A couple of years in the Foreign Ministry (consul in New York and Canada) were followed by another spell in the army (commander, Jerusalem district). He left the IDF in 1965 with rank of colonel and was taken up by Levi Eshkol, who made him head of the Government Information Services. In 1969, he won the Herzliya elections, beating a Gahal political novice named Yitzhak Moda'i. Nevo repeated his victory in 1974 and 1978.

His opponent, a member of the Herut executive, was 54th on the party's list for the Ninth Knesset elections. Landau dismisses airily the notion heard in Herzliya and elsewhere that he is part of a grand design by Arik Sharon to plant a network of supporters in key positions across the country. The Landau camp is harping heavily on widespread local resentment over the speeded-up development in recent years of neighbouring townships such as Ramat Hasharon, Ra'anana and Kfar Sava.

HOURS OF talking with the candidates, their supporters and less partisan residents left me with the feeling that I was participating in a Herzliya version of Rashomon, the classic Japanese drama dealing with a series of events seen ever so differently through the eyes of the various protagonists and witnesses.

Landau's main campaign argument is that he is the man to rescue the city from the doldrums: "This used to be the capital of the region, with Ra'anana a backwater and people not even admitting they come from Kfar Sava. Today Herzliya is a wayside station to Tel Aviv. We've stood still while they've flourished."

He believes that most of the city's 45,000 voters want a change at city hall. Mayor Nevo, he says, "neglects the people." He showed me an informal poll from a local

newspaper, *Tzomet Hasharon*, giving him twice Nevo's support.

The mayor produced a poll conducted by the Pratt Institute of Jerusalem giving him 40 per cent of the vote in the city's western quarters to 19 per cent for Landau, and 44 per cent in the city centre. Those "undecided" are a sizeable 25 per cent of the entire city.

Nevo rejects the image of Herzliya as a backwater. He notes that the city's schools rate high on the Education Ministry's scale of excellence. "When I took over (in 1969), the city was in a shambles. It had been in the hands of an appointed commission. Since then, the population has doubled. We now have a cultural centre in the city museum and the Yad Lebanim structure, as well as a chamber orchestra, and I've done my best to develop local artistic talent. On the other hand, we are soon to have a city football stadium. Our city has grown more than Ramat Hasharon and Ra'anana. Unlike them, we've kept lots of green spaces and not allowed over-construction."

Nevo takes pride in the city's development as a tourist centre, and mentions the thronged shopping and cafe area near the Sharon Hotel.

Nevo's city council ticket comprises people from Labour, Mapam, the Independent Liberals, Shinui, the Citizens' Rights Movement and their sympathizers. Landau's council list is comprised of Likud activists and sympathizers.

The local NRP has split, with the Lamiye faction combining with Agudat Yisrael on one ticket, and the youth circles on another with Tami support.

IN THE 1978 municipal elections, Labour won eight out of 17 council seats. In the 1981 Knesset elections, 76 per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls, giving Labour 40.3 per cent of the vote and the Likud, 38.8 per cent. The now defunct Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) netted 17 per cent of the vote in 1977. In 1981, most of those voters opted for Labour, but this time Landau is sure they'll choose his ticket out of despair with Nevo's rule, while Nevo held that many erstwhile Liberal voters would refrain from backing the Likud locally because of Landau.

Whatever the candidates claim, a crucial factor — not seen in any poll to date — is how the public will react at the local level to the government's handling of the economy.

A fair to remember

By MEIR MERHAV / Post Bonn Correspondent

heavily slanted to present an idealized Israel, and nothing else could be expected from a show called "fascinating Israel." The exhibition showed a country without problems, or at least one those that are "inevitable." What was perhaps jarring was the idyllic presented of Israeli-Arab relations. A display on the Goud Fence on the Lebanese

Border, after a year of war for which no end is yet in sight, struck the critical observer as verging on bad taste.

Nevertheless, as a whole the exhibition was a laudable effort. It was sponsored by the German-Israeli Friendship Society, in cooperation with the municipality of Frankfurt, and other German-Israeli associa-

tions, and supported by the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Jewish Agency, the Israeli Export Institute, the Israel Museum and other museums in Jerusalem and Haifa, as well as by the German government.

THE MAIN credit for the exhibition, however, must go to Adin Talbar, who until eight years ago was the director of the foreign trade division in the Ministry of Industry and Trade and has since become the representative of several important German fairs, including those of Frankfurt, Berlin and Hannover. While in these fairs and exhibitions

he acts as an agent, for the present fair he acted as an entrepreneur and promoter.

During its 38 days, the fair attracted some 150,000 visitors, among them many organized groups. Some 15,000 people saw the multivision show that was part of the exhibition.

The cost of the exhibition, deducting the value of the displays that will be shipped back for further use, was some DM500,000, of which the Israeli Government provided about DM200,000 as seed money, with another DM100,000 coming from the Jewish Agency, the

Hebrew University, the Technion and other institutions, and the same amount from German institutions, including funds from publisher Axel Springer. The three big Israeli banks — Leumi, Hapoalim and Discount — came through with some DM 60,000.

Located at Frankfurt's airport, and organized as a general publicity effort, the exhibition was probably more a promotion for Israeli tourism than for anything else. But, while nearly all Israeli ministries provided some support for the venture, the notable exception was the Ministry of Tourism.

Beautiful cooperation

MUSIC REVIEWS

Zimmerman's highly polished presentation and well worked-out dynamics made one admire his ruffled authority, but still one misses exuberance. Claudio Arrau and Arthur Rubinstein, for example took risks to do justice to the stormy language of the young Brahms.

But Zimmerman is an artist to watch and to appreciate for his crystal-clear, precise runs and octaves. As required, he can provide nicely shaded soft emotional moments of quite strong accents when required. We hope to hear him again and soon.

Gary Bertini brought out every phrase of the rich orchestral score (even conducting some of the soloist's phrases). The interminably slow tempo, particularly in the first movement, robbed the music of flow, of inner urgency, but still there were exciting climaxes and

beautiful meditative moments — the result of ideal cooperation between soloist and orchestra under a conductor whose direction was expansive and expressive.

The conductor's attention to detail was evident in the two symphonic works forming the finis of the two programmes. Bertini gave his all, driving the orchestra to achieve performances of great intensity, compact sound and rich, well-blended sonorities.

The qualities the JSO so impressively displayed should serve it well on its tour of Europe, where it has to stand up to tremendous competition and critical review, but it seems that the JSO has achieved remarkable *esprit de corps*, so necessary to enable it to represent Israel and Jerusalem with honour. Godspeed to all of them.

YOHANAN BOEHM

VOCAL RECITAL: Yaron Windmüller, baritone with Klaus Bauer, piano (Tel Aviv Museum, October 15). Songs by Spanish composers: Brahms: Five Romances from "Magelone", Op. 33; Schumann: "Dichterliebe", Op. 48.

YARON WINDMÜLLER presented an unusually unconventional and interesting programme. He has a strong, even powerful, voice, but it needs development to become smooth and even in all registers. Some tones are very pleasant, others sound rather colourless and lack both vibrato and expressiveness. Musically, Windmüller possesses both lyrical and dramatic qualities, and there is no doubt about the basic virtues of his interpretative approach.

Typical examples of his ability to interpret *Lieder* convincingly were two songs from the Schumann song-cycle.

The Spanish songs were all pleasantly performed, but the Brahms was completely wrong, the typical Brahmsian phrase misunderstood. One missed form, order and sensitivity to refinement. Windmüller also needs to improve his

German diction, which was almost unintelligible when the music was not slow.

To sum up: an evening of many achievements which, regrettably, also revealed some serious short-

comings. Klaus Bauer at the piano was a disaster, with intermittent changes from restraint to out-of-context outbursts.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

THE JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Gary Bertini, conducting. With Krystian Zimerman, piano (Jerusalem Theatre, October 16). And Ma'ayani: Scherzo Meditteranean (premiere); Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1, opus 15; Brahms: Symphony No. 1.

THE JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Gary Bertini, conducting. With Krystian Zimerman, piano (Jerusalem Theatre, October 16). Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1, opus 15; Mahler: Symphony No. 5, in C Sharp Major.

AFTER THE SUMMER break and much strenuous preparation, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra presented the mainstays of its programmes for its upcoming European tour.

Ami Ma'ayani's latest work, commissioned by the Broadcasting Authority for the tour, is, like most of his orchestral compositions, well-

constructed. Orchestral colours provide atmosphere rather than narrative events. Quite thin musical material is cleverly spun-out to maintain continuity. It is pleasant to hear, and if the work does not go on new paths (not the composer's intention), or provide an outstanding example of Mediterranean music, it is a good vehicle for the orchestra to show its quality and one that does not strain the listener.

Without doubt, Krystian Zimerman, a young Polish pianist, is a promising talent, with a great future ahead. His attitude was too cautious in the Brahms concerto, and therefore he was slow in movement and often stiff in what should be an exciting, explosive, emotionally expansive work.

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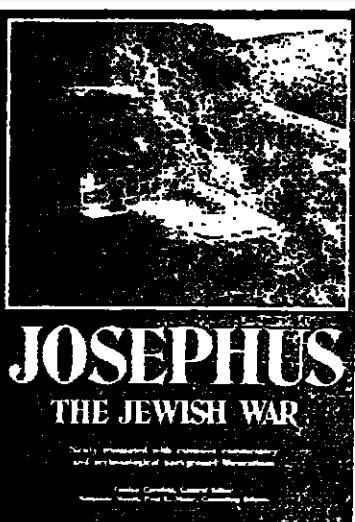
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Elscent's future 'not in Israel'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Avraham Suhami, chairman of the board of Elscint, which produces fully-integrated diagnostic imaging equipment for the medical profession, said yesterday "that most of our future industrial growth will be abroad, not in Israel."



Avraham Suhami

Elscent, which exports most of its products, had sales of \$110 million in 1982/83. It estimates its sales this fiscal year (1983/84) at \$160m., and next year's target is \$210m.

Suhami said that several things had forced him and other senior members of his organization, to "look abroad for growth."

Firstly, the country was running out of engineers, and even if steps were taken immediately to increase the number of those graduating, it would take three to four years before we could expect a supply.

"Although I am very close to the Technion, I want to say frankly that the monopoly of the Technion on producing engineers should be broken. The capacity of other places of higher education, such as Ben Gurion University in Beer Sheva and Tel Aviv University, must be increased considerably."

The situation was so bad, he noted, that we were putting in three and four inch "wanted" advertisements in the press a few months ago. When this didn't help, we put in full page ads. Tadiran began to follow suit but neither of us got the engineers we wanted, so we are now back to three to four inch ads — and we're still not finding enough engineers."

Suhami said he had warned against this shortage years ago. "All that happened was that the authorities made surveys and confirmed my predictions, but nobody has taken any steps to rectify the shortage. Surveys don't produce engineers."

The second factor was the cost to the company of employing an engineer. This was \$24,000 (\$22m.) a year in England (where Elscint has a plant), while an engineer in Israel costs us \$36,000 (\$33m.) a year, and sometimes as much as \$48,000 (\$45m.).

"Both the shortage of engineers, and the high cost of those available, make bringing more science-based industries to Israel a farce. Why should we bring them here if they won't be able to operate efficiently, especially when our markets are abroad?"

Moreover, "supporting services

in Israel were time-wasting and expensive," he said. "What it would take a person one hour to do in England, takes three hours in Israel. What it takes a person three hours in England, takes a day in Israel."

Suhami's personal complaint was that he, the head of a corporation with sales of \$100m. a year, couldn't get a second telephone installed in his flat. "The one I have doesn't work thirty per cent of the time — and I have to run over to my mother's flat to make international calls."

Another factor, he said, was that most of the "venture capital" going into research and development and new science-based industries came from abroad. At Elscint, 97 per cent of the capital came from abroad (and 55 per cent of the voting rights were abroad). An attempt to float an issue in Israel had not been approved.

Finally, the entire financial set-up in Israel had not improved after the last devaluation, said Suhami. True, the shekel had been devalued in relation to the dollar, but this gain had been eaten up by cutting the benefits from the exchange rate guarantee. So nothing had changed.

Moreover, even another ten per cent devaluation would not help, for rising costs under the cost-of-index allowance system would wipe any benefits out, he said.

Suhami did not think the new Finance Minister, Yigal Cohen-Orgad, could do much to help, "but like others, we are willing to give him the customary 100 days of grace."



Telrad Communications' new Telemate telephone system, incorporating a conventional telephone and a "user-friendly" data terminal, was unveiled yesterday.

Today's trading in bonds expected to be selective

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
TEL AVIV. — Buy orders in limited amounts, were received yesterday for today's resumption of index-linked bonds trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The orders were mainly for short term maturities, generally considered reasonably priced. These could move up relatively sharply in response to accelerated inflation figures in the months ahead.

On the other hand, sell orders were being received for other types of bonds as investors have showed that they must raise cash for their pressing impending financial requirements.

The big question mark remaining is at what levels governmental support will be extended for banks shares when trading in these securities resumes on Sunday, at 9 a.m.

Sellers have placed sell orders with limits that range from 10-20 per cent below the price levels applying at the end of the last trading session, two weeks ago today.

After yesterday's meeting with new Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, exchange's chairman Meir Heth indicated that support for the bank shares will develop at levels based on economic considerations.

Heth suggested that the considerations would be the comparable alternative avenues of investment available on the Israeli capital market. Such investments include the Gilboa Bank of Israel-issued dollar-linked bonds and Patam dollar denominated deposit accounts.

Consultancy firm's calculations indicate that the bank shares become an attractive investment at levels approximately 12-15 per cent

Recession in Lebanon

BEIRUT (Reuters). — While Lebanon's politicians discuss prospects for a lasting peace, the country's battered economy languishes in deep recession.

Industry and exports have been hard hit. The pound is near an all-time low and merchants complain they have no customers.

Factional strife has been hurting the economy since a two-year civil war broke out in 1975. But confidence has never been as low as now, businessmen, bankers and diplomats say.

"It seems that people don't have the heart any more to rebuild," said Marwan Nasr, executive secretary of the Association of Lebanese Industrialists.

In 1975-76, heavy fighting destroyed Beirut's thriving commercial district. "But people could not believe it would go on for years, so they kept on investing," said Andre Chaib, chief economist at Lebanon's central bank.

"But this time it's not obvious

what's going to happen. We're in neither a war environment nor a peace environment."

Lebanon's politicians are discussing ways to bolster the fragile ceasefire following last month's mountain war among the Lebanese Army, Christian Phalangists and Druse Moslems. The fighting cut industrial production by roughly 40 per cent from its level in June, Nasr estimated.

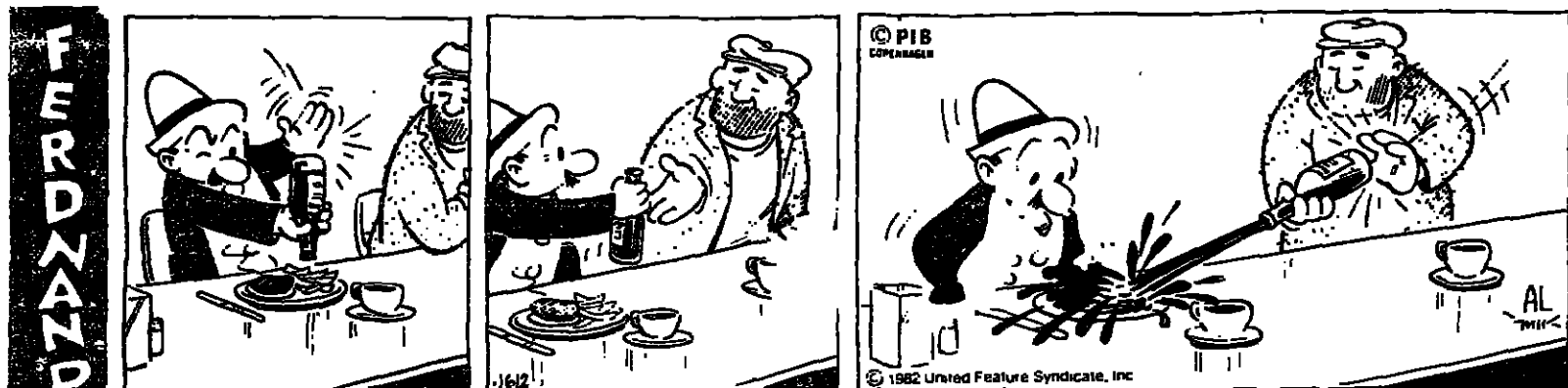
Few official statistics have been issued since the breakdown of law and order in 1975, but Habib Haddad, chief dealer at Bank Alimashrek Sal, said industrial production probably fell 80 per cent from January, when confidence was relatively high.

Exporters faced a partial Arab boycott of some Lebanese products because of accusations of re-exporting Israeli goods.

Fruit exporters in Israeli-occupied South Lebanon say Israeli obstacles hinder exports to Israel and Arab countries.

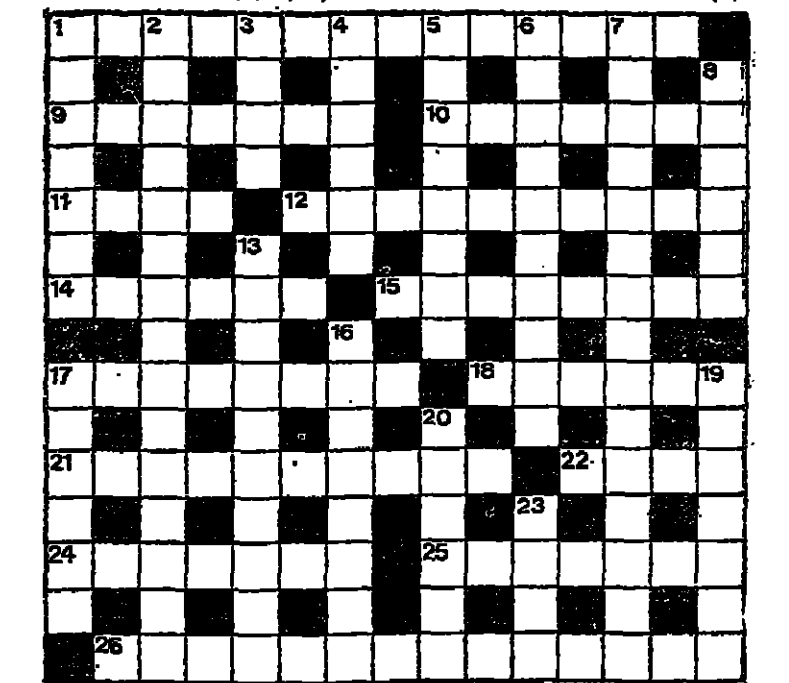
Bank of Israel exchange rates

October 19, 1983	IS
U.S. dollar	82.0901
British sterling	122.8478
German mark	31.7011
French franc	10.3652
Dutch guilder	28.2242
Swiss franc	39.0961
Swedish krona	10.5643
Norwegian krone	11.2552
Danish krone	8.7369
Finnish mark	14.5795
Canadian dollar	66.6722
Australian dollar	75.2561
South African rand	73.1464
Belgian franc (10)	15.5312
Austrian schilling (10)	45.0760
Italian lire (100)	5.2094
Japanese yen (100)	35.2469
Jordanian dinar	221.64
Lebanese lira	15.86
Egyptian-pound	74.7020



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Very low quotation for a demolition job? (5-4, 5)
 - An out-of-date report? (7)
 - A match we'd strike with a vengeance, apparently! (7)
 - All but succeed in preventing a goal (4)
 - The dust-cover on a biography of Mike West, for instance? (4-6)
 - A Hieb-Churchman now outwardly of bigoted views (6)
 - Expressions of admiration only found in essays (8)
 - Found alternative accommodation (8)
 - Horror at being cut by jagged gash (6)
 - That girl from the orangery? (10)
 - A row reverberates about it (4)
 - A wet race-meeting? (7)
 - What we think makes no one nip round the back way? (7)
 - Capital place of worship for the RAF (2, 7, 5)
- DOWN**
- It comes as a nasty blow to the people of Egypt (7)
 - The coxswain at a 24 may well swerve if he has it (3, 4, 5)
 - King with award for a Japanese city (4)
 - Exotic bloom the killer-whale put out of sight (6)
 - Kind of water-ben that gives us courage to go on (5, 5)
 - Vegetable one might expect to find at a Kremlin banquet? (3, 7)
 - Most favoured observation post from which to watch a pitched battle in summer (7, 8)
 - Jewels at times taken out? (6)
 - Suitable epithet for a very large mausoleum (10)
 - Under sedation, so didn't panic? (4, 4)
 - Register the fastest time yet (6)
 - Rulers who are absolutely opposed to power-sharing (7)
 - Rent-free? (6)
 - Restricted sort of diet (4)



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	Selling	Buying
US\$	82.5010	81.6794
DM	123.4215	122.1923
DM	31.8505	31.5461
French FR	10.4142	10.3104
Dutch G	28.3835	28.0810
Swiss FR	39.2808	38.8893
Swedish KR	10.6104	10.5047
Norwegian KR	11.3081	11.1954
Danish KR	8.7332	8.6588
Finnish MK	14.6512	14.5093
Canadian \$	67.0004	66.2332
Australian \$	75.6493	74.9959
Rand	73.5538	72.8213
Belgian Con (10)	15.6089	15.4534
Belgian Fin (10)	15.3476	15.1947
Austrian SH (10)	45.2680	44.8233
Yen (100)	35.4158	35.0630
Italian Lire (1000)	52.3484	51.8270

GOLD: \$393.00/393.50 oz.

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

	1.4966/75	per \$
US\$	2.5910/20	per \$
Swiss FR	2.1025/25	per \$
French FR	7.9280/00	per \$
Italian Lire	15.7650/00	per \$
Dutch G	2.9105/20	per \$
Yen	232.85/80	per \$
Danish KR	9.4000/25	per \$
Swedish KR	7.7730/7700	per \$
Norwegian KR	7.2925/3000	per \$

FORWARD RATES:

	1 m.	3 m.	6 m.
S/\$	1.4988/81	1.4978/83	1.4988/82
DM/\$	2.5821/33	2.5857/70	2.5816/21
Sw FR/\$	2.0918/33	2.0790/45	2.0419/36

Jobless would have doubled under dollarization plan

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The dollarization plan of former finance minister Yoram Aridor would have more than doubled unemployment, from about 4.5 per cent at present to more than ten per cent, according to an analysis just finished by Euroteam, a financial consultancy firm, which is headed by Manfred Gerstenfeld and Ilan Barzel.

"This is only one of the serious effects it would have on the Israeli economy," Gerstenfeld notes. "Another would be a drastic cutting in the inflationary spiral."

He notes that the analysis is based on figures from the 1982/83 fiscal year, but that the results could safely be projected onto the current year if American help continues at the same rate this year as last.

During 1982/83, expenditure for the local economy (excluding purchases of military equipment abroad) was \$12.7 billion. Of this sum, some \$8.1b. were covered by taxes, and the remaining \$4.6b. obtained from the following sources: \$2.1b. from mobilizing funds from the public and from institutions; another \$1.5b. from various sources, such as the equalization fund for benzene, and the remaining \$1b. by running the printing presses.

"Dollarization would mean that the \$1b. no longer could be printed, thus the entire economy of the

country would begin to function at a much lower level.

Not only this, but the government would be limited in raising money in its capital markets, and this means it would have to pare between \$2b. and \$2.5b. from its budget, and this cut would also have harsh effects on the economy.

Both these factors, stopping the printing presses and cutting the budget, would reduce the level of economic activity, and this would necessitate a rise in unemployment, "to more than ten per cent." And if the government chose not to cut its budget so much, it would have to raise money by going to the capital markets.

This would raise interest rates. The implications on the private sector would be immediately felt, for it would have to pay higher interest rates, thus slowing down its own activity. Either way — cutting the budget or borrowing money — would cause the jobless rate to rise.

Gerstenfeld adds that money has three main tasks: representing economic value, as a means of exchange in local commerce, and as a means of savings. Today, only one of these items — a means of exchange in local commerce — is not dollarized. Under the dollarization, this would also move from shekels to dollars, leaving the shekel without a role to play.

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UNAUDITED US \$ Thousands	
Assets	
Investments	206,280
Long term deposits	596,754
Current assets	85,619
Deferred expenses and other assets	8,338
Total Assets	896,991
Liabilities	
Debentures and loans	618,601
Current liabilities	74,777
Total liabilities	693,372
Capital Accounts	
Capital stock, reserves and surplus	175,991
Minority interest and capital notes issued by a subsidiary	27,628
Total Capital Accounts	203,619
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	896,991

* The condensed statement has been arithmetically translated from Israeli shekels into US dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on June 30, 1983: IS 47.52 = US \$ 1.00, for the convenience of the reader.

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Uneasy Awali line

TWO BORDER policemen were killed in a terrorist ambush near Sidon on Tuesday. The assailants, in all probability, were not PLO men but Lebanese Shi'ites, and they found refuge after the attack among the local, largely Shi'ite population.

This was only the second major such action against Israelis in southern Lebanon since the IDF's redeployment along the Awali River six weeks ago. But it appeared to suggest what might be in store for the Israeli troops across the northern border in the coming weeks and months.

The Israeli gut reaction will doubtless be that the terrorist attack must not in any way diminish this country's resolve to stay put along the existing line at least until such time as the peace of Galilee is effectively assured.

Perhaps the incident could have been averted if Sidon were left outside the army's defensive perimeter, as was in fact proposed early on. But the contraction of the area of direct Israeli control, it will be argued, could not have prevented the infiltration of hostile elements from the outside, for example from Sidon itself.

In staying along the Awali, however, Israel is exposing its soldiers to dangers to which it has no ready answers.

Certainly Israel has been duly warned of what it might expect. A note of warning was sounded as early as late August by Muhammad Ghaddar, leader of the Shi'ite Amal militia in southern Lebanon, who claims to speak in the name of the bulk of the population in the area. He minced no words in pledging action against "the Israelis" if they planned a prolonged stay in southern Lebanon.

It was not that he favoured the PLO, or the Syrians. But after redeployment, he said, the Israelis would no longer be on a peace mission — "they would be an army of occupation."

Obviously Israel does not see it that way. The IDF's presence south of the Awali is viewed here as strictly temporary, and Israel has no claims whatever on the area. Contrary to the allegation made recently by Egypt's premier, there is not a single party in Israel that advocates putting up Jewish settlements in southern Lebanon.

But the fact remains that a great many Lebanese, more than a few of whom welcomed the IDF's entry into their country last year, no longer feel hospitable towards the Israeli presence, and are prepared, if not to train their guns on Israeli troops, at least to hide those who do.

Lately the authorities, after all-too-long placing almost exclusive reliance on Lebanon's Christians, have started courting the Shi'ites, notably in the south. Steps have been taken to set up Shi'ite militias, with the purpose of aiding the IDF in preventing terrorist activity. But this has been another instance of too little and too late.

Fortunately the reservoir of goodwill towards Israel in southern Lebanon is not completely exhausted. The local people, too, have neither forgotten nor forgiven the PLO's torment of them during its years of domination. But the popular mood has plainly changed. Otherwise, the unfortunate incident in Nabatiye earlier this week, on the day of the Shi'ite Ashura festival, when an Israeli convoy mistakenly drove into town while thousands of Moslem worshippers were coming out of the mosques, would not have ended with three Israeli military vehicles being set on fire by an angry mob.

It is no answer to the problem to suggest that in future Israeli soldiers should take greater care. For it is the very presence of the soldiers that ignites the fire. The only real answer — unless Israel is ready to put up with the prospect of increased violence in southern Lebanon — is to begin pulling out and moving back to the international frontier.

Surely a way could be found to bar the reconversion of southern Lebanon into a terrorist base without the IDF's costly stay there.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS TWO MEN have been jailed for "bride stealing" in Soviet Kirghizia in a move by the authorities to stamp out a local custom under which men forcibly abduct the girls of their choice.

According to a report in the Central Asian republic's Communist Party newspaper, the men were given terms of three years and 2½ years respectively after girls they kidnapped filed charges against them.

For centuries abduction was the normal way for the nomadic Kirghiz men to select their wives.

According to recent reports from Frunze, the Kirghiz capital, the practice is still widespread, and one survey said that even members of the Communist Party were guilty.

Usually the women are seized in the street and taken to the home of the would-be groom's parents, where they are held prisoner until they agree to marry him.

Reporting the jailing of Koshoi Sidirbayev, a scientific researcher, and lobby driver Bakhran Turunov, the daily *Sovetskaya Kirghizia* made clear that their treatment was meant to be a lesson to others.

It said the courts were determined to treat bride stealing like kidnapping and impose suitably stiff penalties.

PS PLAYWRIGHT Eugene Ionesco wrote recently in *Le Quotidien de Paris*: "The last army, strong, aggressive and courageous that the west has, is the Israeli Defence Forces."

"Ah, if only Israelis had some 50 million people, peace would have reigned in the world and on Russia. Unfortunately this army had also been touched by the trend of pacifism recently."

"In spite of everything, long live Israeli soldiers and level-headed politicians. Long live Israel, the only country which is sensible, reasonable, which remained with us, in spite of everything." A.Z.

PS WHETHER he knows it or not, U.S. President Ronald Reagan is selling beer in England.

Reagan's face is featured on large billboards throughout central England on advertisements for Mansfield Bitter Beer.

"He might be president of the most powerful nation on earth," the caption reads, "but he has never had a pint of Mansfield."

Mansfield Brewing Co. says it got permission from the White House to use the president in its latest promotion.

The U.S. Embassy in London said it could not confirm that the brewery had contacted the White House, but a spokesman said the embassy had received no complaints from Washington.

PS A WORRIED American father of a young couple with two small children in Jerusalem called them this weekend to find out how they are coping during the economic crisis.

After seeing extensive coverage on U.S. television of panic buying and empty supermarket shelves in Jerusalem, he said that he put together a two-carton emergency package containing coffee, sugar, flour and popcorn.

"Now the only problem," says his daughter, "is how I'll pay the customs duties." R.B.R.

PS A SCIENCE teacher recently took her class on a field trip to a local museum. While her charges busied themselves with the exhibits she noticed a group of unattended children, all obviously from a religious school.

"Do you also study nature?" she asked, using the Hebrew term *teva*. The children did not understand the term. She explained that she meant where rain comes from and how seeds turn into plants. "Oh, you mean the Wonders of the Creator," they replied. D.R.

WHAT IS MOST astonishing in the bank share scandal — those who now say they knew all about it but kept their mouths shut or those who should have prevented such practices but did nothing about them at the time?

How should one react to the remarks of Hebrew University Professor Haim Barkai, who was until recently (March 1981 to August 1982) chairman of the advisory council of the Bank of Israel, that what happened was totally wrong? Why did he not say so openly earlier? And why did he not act at a time when he had the power to do so?

Why did Mr. Haim, chairman of the stock exchange, say that the action of the banks was morally and economically distorted (*The Jerusalem Post*, October 16, 1983) and not do anything about it? Haim, of all people, a man who had demonstrated he had the courage to openly criticize the institution he chaired and who was prepared to accept the consequences of his action.

Where were the people who are supposed to check our financial system and guard against abuses? Where were the members of the Securities and Exchange Commission? Where was that bright lady in the Bank of Israel who is charged with controlling our banks? Where were our auditors?

WITH HELP from Israel, Haidar Dayekh has expanded his role in this small Shi'ite Moslem village from gas station owner to commander of its latest militia, what Israeli officials are calling a "Home Guard."

Dayekh, who uses the code name Abu Hassan, insists that his men will bring security to this town of several thousand in the rugged hills of south-central Lebanon.

"When the Lebanese Government can't provide protection for this area, when the United Nations can't protect us, we are here to protect our people," he says.

But, in fact, the new "Home Guard" looks very much like the militias that have been operating in Southern Lebanon for years. They set up checkpoints and stop cars, levy "taxes" and, in general, raise fears among citizens that the wrong word or deed can lead to trouble.

Israeli officials estimate they've recruited 1,200 Shi'ite Moslems into Home Guards in about 100 villages south of the IDF's defence line along the Awali River. They say that they want the network to become a buffer, enabling the IDF eventually to withdraw from Lebanon.

READERS' LETTERS

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — I am here as co-leader of an ecumenical group of Catholics, Protestants and Jews. I have followed, with growing dismay and disbelief, the increasing stanglehold on Jewish religious liberty that is being allowed in Israel today.

The citizens of Israel ought to be particularly sensitive to the smallest taint of religious bigotry, whether it leads to suppression, expulsion, inquisition or extermination.

What is being suppressed in Israel today is the right of every Jew to practice his or her Judaism as he or she sees fit. What is being suppressed in Israel today is the right of every rabbi, whether Conservative, Reform, Orthodox or Reconstructionist, to perform all the rituals of Jewish life, e.g. marriage, conversions, divorce, etc.

Why should there be religious freedom in the Jewish state for Christians, Moslems, Buddhists, Taoists, etc., and not for Conservative and Reform Jews?

Why should the monies, raised so laboriously mainly by Conservative and Reform Jews, be funneled by

the Jewish Agency to religious extremists who seek to outlaw Conservative and Reform Judaism?

Why should we Jews, who have suffered so much from religious tyranny, permit it to occur in the Jewish State?

Why should a country that has bravely faced invading armies, infiltrating fedayeen and international terrorism, bow down to the religious dictatorship of a small minority of zealots who believe that only they possess the true word of God?

Now is the time, with the "Who is a Jew?" issue being raised once again to torment us, to rise up against the zealots and bigots among us and to free Israel from their religious tyranny; so that every Jew in Israel may practise freely and fully according to the Jewish tradition that he or she prefers.

MARJORIE SHUMAN SAULSON
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Detroit Chapter, AIC
President, League of Jewish
Women's Organizations of
Greater Detroit
Jerusalem (Birmingham, Michigan)

THE BAHAI FAITH

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — We read with interest Jacob Chinitz's article of October 9, "Separation or pluralism?" In particular, we refer to his statement:

"When Israel took over from the British, the three major religions, Judaism, Islam and Christianity, continued to be officially recognized." For the sake of accuracy, we would like to inform your readers that, when the State of Israel was established, a fourth independent world religion — the Baha'i faith — also continued to be officially recognized.

In fact, the Baha'i faith has been associated with the Holy Land since 1868 when Baha'ullah, Founder of the Faith, landed on its shores as a prisoner and exile. Moreover, it is specified in the Baha'i writings that the spiritual and administrative

world centre of the Baha'i faith remain permanently established in Acre and Haifa, where its holiest shrines are located.

As the late professor Norman Bentwich, distinguished author, educator and statesman, indicated in his book, "A Wanderer in the Promised Land," published in 1932, "Palestine may indeed be now regarded as the land of four faiths, because the creed of the Baha'is, which has its centre of faith and pilgrimage in Acre and Haifa, has attained the character of a world-religion. The main ideas of its universalism are the oneness of mankind and the harmony of religions."

DONALD M. BARRETT,
Secretary-General,
Baha'i World Centre
Haifa.

Questionable practices

By J. VOET

I have looked in vain for declarations by the banks' auditors that the practice of banks driving up the prices of their own shares was not compatible with good management.

What should one think of the chairman of Bank Leumi, who twice last year stated openly that share prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange were too high, but who added that there was nevertheless room for selective buying?

Asked what investors should buy, he answered that modestly prevented him from naming specific shares, giving the impression that Bank Leumi shares had managed to hold their value, while he was fully aware that they were artificially inflated.

It cannot be said often enough that there are no risk-free investment possibilities in our capitalist society. The degree of risk, of

course, varies. A bank deposit is considered sound as long as the bank is solvent. When the institution goes bankrupt, however, investors lose their money, or part of it — unless the government comes to the rescue.

A State of Israel Bond is sound, but of course a government can, if parliament agrees, impose taxes. When Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir solemnly declares that the government will not touch foreign currency accounts or savings funds, he is saying, at best, that it is not his intention to do so at present. He simply does not know what he or his successors may be forced to do in the future.

By their very nature, the prices of shares fluctuate, depending on the company's profits or losses.

The best safeguard for the investor is not to put all his eggs in

one basket. He should also not forget that the "investment consultants" in banks are simply salesmen of securities.

WHAT SHOULD one say about the deal between the banks and the government which guarantees the price of bank shares — in dollars if they are held for five years or in index-linked shekels if they are kept for six years in a portfolio?

It has been suggested that the deal was struck to protect the small saver, the little man who, ill-advised, put all his money in bank shares.

If this were so, and the guarantee was limited to bank shares held by people with relatively small amounts — say up to one million shekels in bankshares and no other substantial assets — the total sums involved would be rather small.

The transaction between the banks and the government was clearly made for other reasons — namely, to bail out the banks and to prevent mass bankruptcies, an event which, some say, would occur if the banks simply stopped supporting the prices of their shares.

Nobody can prove that bankruptcies would really occur on a massive scale if the economy, in the true capitalist manner, were allowed to find its own equilibrium. It is ironic that a rightist govern-

ment with many so-called Liberal ministers has decided to interfere so strongly in the affairs of free enterprises.

Again, nobody can foresee the consequences of this most unusual agreement. There is the possibility that in the next five years everything will go well with Israel's economy and with the banks. Then the price of bank shares may rise again to dizzying heights and in 1988 or 1989 no one will offer his shares to the government at the agreed prices.

If this, however, is not the case, then the minister of finance will have an enormous headache. We will have to pay a lot of additional taxes for many years or suffer from tremendous inflation.

Moreover, the state will have nationalized all the major banks, with everything that that implies. The government — whether Likud, Liberal or Labour — will be forced to buy at least a majority of the bank shares, whether it wants to or not.

By that action alone, the state will own the banks, and given the wide interests of the banks in the economy, the power of the state will be greatly increased.

It is curious that a government which stands for free enterprise has caused this possibility to be raised.

The writer is a commentator on economic affairs.

Home Guard defence

By ELLEN POWELL / Jouaya (Lebanon)

In a statement issued this week, the IDF said it was helping the Home Guard units "on a carefully controlled basis." The Home Guards' purpose, the statement said, was "to maintain law and order and to prevent terrorists infiltrating."

SOURCES in Southern Lebanon who asked not to be identified said that on the basis of the eight new units they have spotted in and around the port city of Tyre, many of the men are, like Dayekh, veterans of other militias and other alliances.

Some of the groups are rag-tag

bunches of only eight or ten men, the sources said.

The emergence of the Home Guard units has heightened tensions in highly factionalized Lebanon. Christians, in particular, are worried the Israelis are creating a new army of Shi'ite Moslems, the largest religious sect in Lebanon. Villagers in Ain Ebel, a Christian community five kilometres north of the Israeli border, recently "roughed up" Israeli soldiers who brought in a Shi'ite training patrol from nearby Bint Jbeil, witnesses said.

Dayekh, whose base camp on the outskirts of Jouaya sits in the shadow of an Israeli headquarters

building, denies that there are plans for a new Moslem army. "This is not a religious revolution," he said. "We work under the Lebanese flag."

Dayekh, who appears to be in his early 40s and sports a full beard and moustache, twirled a tan plaid golf cap during the interview. He was sometimes prompted by a man in civilian clothes, whom one reporter identified as Abu Nooh, a high-ranking Israeli intelligence officer assigned to Southern Lebanon.

Dayekh claims to have recruited about 100 men for his militia, though only about two dozen were at his camp in Jouaya, about 15 kilometres east of Tyre.

At least one unit is using its checkpoint to raise money. Trucks passing through its roadblock near Ras al-Bayyada, on the Coastal Highway south of Tyre, are being "taxed" between \$10 and \$140 for carrying food, beverages and various other commodities.

There have also been reports that special "duties" are being levied at the ports in Tyre and Sidon to cover militia expenses.

CONCERN OVER the presence of

the Home Guard units extends beyond the Christians.

Nabih Berri, leader of the dominant Shi'ite Moslem militia Amal, and South Lebanon militia leader Sa'ad Haddad, both have complained about the new units. They are a thorny problem, too, for UNIFIL.

Under orders to keep the area free of armed force, UNIFIL has flanked the new Home Guard checkpoints with checkpoints of its own. At Jouaya, a French UNIFIL contingent prohibits the Home Guard unit from moving outside the checkpoint with its weapons.

Armed militiamen are, however, permitted to travel for training or other maneuvers in the company of the IDF that occupy the area.

Chief UNIFIL spokesman Timor Goksel said that Israel argues that militias are the forerunner of the regional security force that Lebanon promised to provide as part of the May 17 troop withdrawal agreement with Israel. "We've asked the Lebanese Government for clarification, but haven't received it yet," said Goksel. "Until we have it, we can't do much."

(The Associated Press)

A NEW START TO MEANINGFUL ISRAEL-DIASPORA RELATIONS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — Eliezer Whartman's article of October 6, "The big rip-off," struck a chord that needed sounding, as it articulates the feelings of a vast silent majority among grass-roots Jews in both Israel and the Diaspora.

While I cannot comment on Mr. Whartman's assessment of political structures in Israel (as a Jew who does not yet live in Israel, I have neither the knowledge nor the right to do so), I do, however, appreciate Mr. Whartman's journalistic integrity in expressing opinions obviously motivated by his deep concern for the interests of Israel. Similarly, *The Jerusalem Post*, in publishing Whartman's article, has performed an important service to its readers.

As one who represents the views of a non-political Zionist body in the Diaspora, I believe I may speak for those to whom Mr. Whartman referred as maintaining "that the World Zionist Organization and its subsidiary, the Jewish Agency, have long outlived their usefulness and should have been dismantled when the State came into being."

Just as Mr. Whartman suggests Israel's need to study and reorganize the relationship between the UJA and the WZO and the Jewish Agency, so should their roles in the Diaspora be questioned.

Just as the politicization of the WZO in Israel is to be deplored, so should the politics of Zionist parties in the Diaspora be deplored, for Diaspora Jewry should not be involved with Israeli politics (although we fervently hope that a more representative electoral system in Israel will some day be established).

We in the Diaspora can also cite "horror stories" pertaining to the corruption of Jewish values by UJA fund-raisers who have reduced the relationship between Israel and Diaspora Jewry to "hand-outs" to Israel, based on roles of giving and

receiving, which demean both the giver and the receiver.

The time has come to close chapters that are now historically obsolete, and to open new chapters — ones that are relevant to the situation today, that will focus on the relationship between the people of Israel and the people in the Diaspora, as truly one family, rather than mouthing meaningless slogans to promote the present blind obsession with fund-raising.

Israel needs people more than it needs the funds comprising just 2 per cent of its budget that are raised annually by huge UJA bureaucratic structures throughout the Diaspora communities.

Mr. Whartman, referring to UJA leaders, rightly states: "By transforming their local Jewish newspapers into little more than house organs for the raising of funds, they are helping to estrange their children from the Jewish Establishment." Their children need food for the mind; for meaningful values, or they will assimilate or dissociate themselves from the Jewish community.

Many young people in the Diaspora are indeed alienated by the preoccupation with UJA fund-raising as the sole connection between Israel and themselves. To point to an extreme example of such alienation, one young person was heard to comment: "Wouldn't it be better off if there was no Israel? After all, the whole world is against it!"

Granted, this may exemplify a tiny minority viewpoint — we should certainly hope so! — but it does indicate where we may be heading unless we change direction. That direction, should now be toward aliya, which must become more than a word to denote someone else's move, but should at long last realize its full potential as the answer to the moral dilemma of world Jewry who, after 2,000 years of yearning, of persecution, of

homeless wandering, have in this generation been privileged to witness the restoration of the Jewish Home, and yet have, incredibly, been so reluctant to seize the opportunity to return and are instead still in self-imposed "exile in Babylon."

I have a plan, a very simple plan to promote aliya, that would be effective in ensuring the future of Israel and the Jewish people. It could replace the expensive — and largely ineffective — apparatus that now exists.

Its procedure is to offer every Jewish youngster, on completion of secondary schooling, the opportunity to spend from three months to one year in Israel on any one of a variety of programmes that could be set up by a similarly new non-political Israeli structure. This offer could be available to these young persons for a period of up to three years following secondary school graduation and could be subsidized when necessary. Such subsidization would certainly cost less than the present cumbersome, non-productive and expensive Jewish Agency apparatus.

By diminishing the high-profile fund-raising role in Jewish Diaspora life while at the same time offering every young Jew the opportunity to come to Israel to spend some time here — to see for him or herself the exciting possibility of living a dynamic and meaningful life in Israel — a new and much needed dimension would be introduced. Old outmoded concepts and structures would be discarded as Israel and Diaspora relations could pursue a new and mutually advantageous course.

It is never easy to make a new start, to change entrenched ideas and methods, but there is no alternative if we are concerned with Jewish survival.

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